

# Ephesians 1:15-23

## Study 5: Paul's Prayer



### Discussion Starter

Most Christians (hopefully!) would agree that prayer is the powerhouse of the church. Yet most Christians would also say they often find prayer a challenge.

Take a moment to think about your own attitude to prayer.

- What is one of the most significant answers to prayer you've ever had?
- What do you find most difficult about prayer?
- Are there any particular types of people you focus on or neglect in prayer?
- What do you find helpful in praying?



Why is Paul writing this?

*1. What did Paul notice about the Ephesians (v.15)?*

*2. What was it that prompted him to pray for them so diligently? If they were 'running well', why did they need his prayers?*

*3. Paul was persistent in his prayers. What can we learn from Jesus's two parables on this (Luke 11:5-8, 18:1-8)?*

*4. What sorts of things does Paul pray for (see vv.17-19)?*

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**How does this apply to or influence us today?**

*1. What general principles of prayer can we learn from this passage? What does Paul role model for us?*

*2. What sort of things can we be thankful for in the lives of others?*

*3. What should we do if we don't know what to pray for?*

*4. How can we be more aware of people's needs?*

*5. Paul asked that believers would have knowledge, wisdom, revelation and enlightenment. Why?*

*6. What does Christ's eternal rule mean for us (vv.20-23)? How might it influence our prayers?*