

## Praying Through 1Thessalonians

Father God, today I give You thanks for the grace and peace I have received in the Lord Jesus Christ. I also give thanks to You for my brothers and sisters in Christ for their work in faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ and in Your presence.

I thank You that You chose me to receive the Gospel in word and in power through the conviction of the Holy Spirit. Help me always to walk in such a conviction that I may be approved amongst my brethren and in Your sight that others may imitate my life and walk in You oh Lord. Help me always to receive Your Word in any and all tribulations with the joy of the Holy Spirit so that it will be an example to all believers whom I come in contact with and that the Word of the Lord would sound forth from me in every place that I live my faith and witness toward You. I pray that my witness would be one that is reported by others of how I turned from idols to serve a living and true God and how I am waiting for Your Son from heaven whom You raised from the dead, the Lord Jesus, who rescues me from the wrath to come.

### Chapter 2

Father, whenever I suffer or am mistreated for the sake of the gospel, grant me the boldness in You to speak the gospel all the more in spite of the opposition. Father, I pray that my exhortation would never come from error, impurity or by way of deceit but instead being approved by You and entrusted with the gospel, I would speak, not as pleasing to men but to You, Oh God, because You are the One who examines my heart. Keep me from flattering speech, or from any pretext of greed, or from seeking any glory from men, either from those I know or those I do not. Guard my heart oh Lord, and help me to never take advantage of, or assert the authority of any position in Your Kingdom with these kind of evil motives.

Help me to be gentle amongst those I proclaim the gospel and disciple. Even as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children, help me to have fond affection for them and be willing to share my life with them because they are very dear to You and should be to me also.

Lord, help me to be devout and upright without blame in behavior before my brethren and labor hard day and night in hardship when necessary as not to be a burden to any of them. Help me to exhort, encourage and implore each one of them even as a father would his own children so that we will walk in a manner worthy of You oh God, who has called us into Your own kingdom and glory!

Father, help me to follow Christ's example even as the Apostle Paul did by enduring the same sufferings knowing that it is Your Word that performs its work in all who believe and that our hope, joy and crown of exultation are those presented to Christ at His coming whom we have labored hard for in His Kingdom! Let winning souls to Your kingdom always be my glory and joy!

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### Chapter 3

Father, as a fellow worker of the gospel toward my brethren, help me to strengthen and encourage them in their faith and to persevere in it through their afflictions and to resist the temptations of the devil and not to be disturbed by them. Help me to labor in prayer for my brothers and sisters that You will cause us to increase and abound in love for one another and for all people so that You will establish our hearts without blame in holiness before You, our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints - AMEN!

### Chapter 4

Father, let my walk with Jesus be pleasing to You and sanctify me in Your Spirit to keep me from sexual immorality and that I may know how to possess my own vessel in sanctification and honor and not in lustful passion, like those who do not know You. Lord, help me not to transgress or defraud my brethren in this matter. I know that You are the avenger in all these things and You have not called me to impurity, but in sanctification and if I reject this, I am not rejecting man but You oh God, who gives me Your Holy Spirit! Oh God, let me not grieve Your Holy Spirit! Sanctify me in Your grace!

Father, help me to continue to practice the love of the brethren and to excel in it more and more and to make it my ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to my own business and work with my hands so that I will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need. Bless the work of my hands oh Lord!

Father, I thank You that I don't have to grieve the loss of those that have fallen asleep like those who have no hope. I believe that Jesus died and rose again and even so that You will bring with Him all those who have fallen asleep in Jesus! I know that by the Word of the Lord that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. I know that You, Lord, will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet You Lord, in the air, and so we shall always be with You! Lord, help me to be comforted and to comfort those who mourn with these words - Amen!

### Chapter 5

Father, I know that as to times and epochs, I do not need anything to be written to me. Because I know full well that the day of the Lord will come just like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "Peace and Safety!" then destruction will come upon them suddenly like labor pains upon a woman with child, and they will not escape! Oh God, I thank You that I am not in darkness and that the day will not overtake me as a thief because I am a son of light and a son of the day. I am not of night or of darkness so help me not to sleep as others do, but instead help me to be alert and sober! I realize that those who sleep do their sleeping at night, and those who get drunk get drunk at

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night but since I am of the day, I will be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and as a helmet, the hope of salvation. Thank You Father that You have not destined me to wrath, but for obtaining salvation through my Lord Jesus Christ who died for me, so that whether I am awake or asleep, I will live together with my brethren with You! Help me to always encourage and build the brethren up in Your promises oh Lord!

Father, help me to appreciate those who diligently labor with me and those who have charge over me in the Lord and give me instruction. Help me to esteem them very highly in love because of their work and to live in peace with my brethren. And when it is appropriate to admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted and help the weak, grant me the grace to do it with patience toward them all and never to repay another with evil for evil, but instead to always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people. Help me to forgive those who have sinned against me as I have been forgiven!

Father, I will rejoice in You always, help me to pray without ceasing and to give thanks to You in everything because I know that this is Your will for me in Christ Jesus. Let me not quench Your Spirit or despise prophetic utterances but at the same time to examine everything carefully and hold fast to that which is good and abstain from every form of evil! Oh Lord, give me the Wisdom, discernment and understanding to know the difference!

Father God of Peace, Sanctify me entirely, preserve my spirit, soul and body in completeness, without blame at the coming of my Lord Jesus Christ! You are faithful, You have called me and You will also bring it to pass - Hallelujah- Amen!

I give You thanks. praise and worship for the grace of my Lord Jesus Christ and that He is with me always! - Amen!