

Homework Leading Into This Week: Colossians 1:9-14  
Scripture Reading: John 17:1-26

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## Week #2: What Pastors Pray

- ❖ Colossians 1:9-10a - For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way.
  
- ❖ Paul prayed, “God, fill them up!”
  - ◆ With good works
    - ❖ Colossians 1:10b - ...bearing fruit in every good work...
  
  - ◆ With Knowledge
    - ❖ Colossians 1:10b - ...growing in the knowledge of God.
  
  - ◆ With power
    - ❖ Colossians 1:11 - ...being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience...

◆ With **joy**

- ❖ Colossians 1:12-14 - ...and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you[a] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

**Points to Ponder**

1. Out of the four categories from Paul's prayer, which did you pray the most about in the past week? How might God answer your prayer and "fill" you in the upcoming week?
2. Look back to Jesus' prayer in John 17. When Jesus prayed for you, what mattered the most to him? How might your answer shape how you pray this week?
3. Check out another of Paul's prayers in Ephesians 3:14-21. How does that prayer connect to the prayer from tonight's message?
4. Consider adding your pastor to your prayer list this week and using Colossians 1 to guide you.

*"Pray and let God worry."  
~ Martin Luther*

**Homework For Next Week: Colossians 1:15-23**