



Pray Fervently

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“As for other matters, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you.” (2 Thessalonians 3:1)

This past year, I have often found myself praying the Lord’s Prayer. One thing I have noticed is that the prayer focuses first on what God wants for the world before it shifts to our needs.

“Our Father” makes us think about growth in our relationship with God. “Hallowed be Your name” makes us think about wanting to glorify God. “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven” should make us think of applying our Biblical outlook in our lives as well as sharing the Gospel to people who don’t yet know Jesus. Only after those initial statements does the prayer turn to praying over our physical needs (“Give us”), spiritual needs (“Forgive us”), and the spiritual warfare we will encounter (“Deliver us”).

In 2 Thessalonians 3:1, Paul asked His partner church in Thessalonica to pray for him and his team, Whatever form your prayer life takes, pray fervently for God’s work to advance among specific missionaries and places.



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