

Day 6-7

Paul

Prayer for spiritual growth in our peers and those we lead

Read Paul's prayers for God's People

Ephesians 1:15-23, 3:14-19, & Philippians 1:3-11

On days six and seven, we're looking at biblical examples of praying for spiritual growth and maturity in our peers and in those we lead. In the epistles, we see Paul's heart for those God called him to lead and disciple. He prayed fervently for spiritual wisdom and spiritual growth in them. Paul says, "... I pray for you constantly, asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow** in your knowledge of God." Ephesians 1:16-17 (NLT) Paul also prayed for his peers and those who served alongside him. Often when we think of people praying for those they lead, we think only of pastors, teachers and ministry leaders. Let's think more broadly. Most of us have someone looking to us for guidance. Parents, lead your children; husbands and wives, lead your home and one another; business owners, lead your employees – and the list could go on and on. We are called to pray for one another. We can pray like Paul, "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources that he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. **Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong.**"

Ephesians 3:16-17 (NLT)

Prayer Focus:

- **Pray for your pastor and church and for all EMC pastors and churches.**
- **Pray for the Body of Christ all over the world.** Pray for EMC family in Africa, South Africa, Canada, Europe, Mexico, Myanmar, Philippines and the United States and for global results for the Kingdom.
- **Pray for all those we lead and/or have relationship with in our personal lives** – our families, friends, fellow believers, pupils, employees, neighbors, etc. Pray for spiritual growth and wisdom for them. Pray the prayers in Ephesians and Philippians.

Thank you for joining the Evangelical Methodist Church worldwide in united prayer this past week. **Please don't stop praying!** Consider including the prayer themes we've used this past week as you pray in the future – personal repentance, repentance and intercession for our nation, guidance, boldness, deliverance and wisdom/growth. We are blessed to be a part of a Body who believes and stands on God's Word as our foundation of truth. **Continue to pray for unity among us. May we be committed to the connection God has established, working together in harmony to see communities and nations changed through transformed lives. Pray for guidance for our leaders and growth for our churches.** Let's look forward to all God plans to accomplish for His Kingdom through the Evangelical Methodist Church!