

## **Thanksgiving and Prayer - Philemon 1:3-9**

### **Topics**

Encouragement, Friendship, Prayer, Relationships, Slavery, Thankfulness, Words

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### **Get It Questions**

11. When are the normal times in a day or week that you pray?

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12. What are the subjects or concerns you most often address in your prayers?

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13. What are the marks or ingredients of a good prayer?

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14. When should we ever tell someone that we are praying for him or her?

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15. What is your reaction when someone says he or she is praying for you?

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16. How does it help a person to tell him or her that you are praying for them?

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17. How can compliments and encouragement influence someone's life?

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18. How does it help a person to pray for him or her?

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19. What is the difference between what a person should and should not pray for?

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**Apply It Questions**

20. Who are several people for whom you need to pray this week?

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21. Who in your life needs a word of compliment or encouragement at this time?

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22. Whom could you write or call this week to thank for the joy or encouragement they have given to you during your life?

Adult Questions for LESSONMaker.

New Hope Missionary Baptist Church  
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*Welcome to Bible Study!*

Philemon

1:3-9

“Paul’s  
Thanksgiving  
and Prayer”

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# Prayer



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PSALMS 41-44  
7 All that hate me whisper together against me; against me do they devise my hurt.  
8 An evil disease, say they, cleaveth fast unto him; and now that he lieth he shall rise up no more.  
9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up his heel against me.  
10 But thou, O Lord, be merciful unto me, and raise me up, that I may requite them.  
11 By this I know that thou favourest me, because mine enemy doth not triumph over me.  
12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in mine integrity, and settest me before thy face for ever.  
13 Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting, and to everlasting. Amen.  
PSALM 42  
To the chief Musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah  
AS the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.  
2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?  
3 My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?  
4 When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.  
5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.  
6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I remember thee from the land of Jordan, and of the Hermon-ites, from the hill Mizar.  
7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterspouts: all the

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PSALMS 44, 45  
waves and thy billows  
me.  
8 Yet the Lord will lovingkindness in the night his sword, and my prayer shall be my life.  
9 I will say unto God, Why hast thou forgotten me? go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy.  
10 As with a sword mine enemies reproach me, they say daily unto God, Where is he?  
11 Why art thou forgotten, O God? why sayest thou, Where is he?  
12 My health shall yet praise thee, O God, because thou hast saved my soul from the hand of death.  
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JUDGE me, because of mine iniquity, O Lord, and deliver me from unrighteous hands.  
2 For the strength of mine enemies is as a rushing flood, they have sought to bring me down to the earth: thy table is before me, and thou hast said, Why is the Lord angry with me?  
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18 Our heart is not turned back, neither have our steps declined from thy way.  
19 Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death.  
20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, or stretched out our hands to a strange god:  
21 Shall not God search this out? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart.  
22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter.  
23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord? arise, cast us not off for ever.  
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, and forgettest our affliction and our oppression?  
25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly cleaveth unto the earth.  
26 Arise for our help, and redeem us for thy mercies' sake.  
PSALM 45  
To the chief Musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves  
MY heart is inditing a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.  
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men: grace is poured into thy lips: therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.  
3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O most mighty, with thy glory and thy majesty.  
4 And in thy majesty ride prosperously because of truth and meekness and righteousness; and thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.  
5 Thine arrows are sharp in the heart of the king's enemies; whereby the people fall under thee.  
6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.  
7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore God,



## Philemon 1:3-9

### “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

# **Bible Study Resources**

([www.newhope-  
mbc.org](http://www.newhope-<br/>mbc.org))

- Holy Bible
- Philemon Teaching Schedule
- Participant Questionnaire/Worksheet
- Paul’s Letters and Missionary Journeys
- Map of Paul’s Letter Destinations
- Outline of Paul’s Letter to Philemon



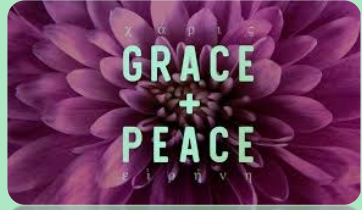


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## “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

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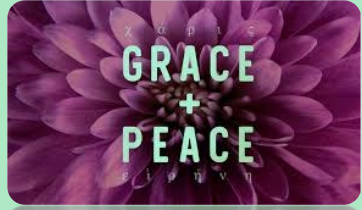


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#### **Open It Questions**

A. Who has prayed for you  
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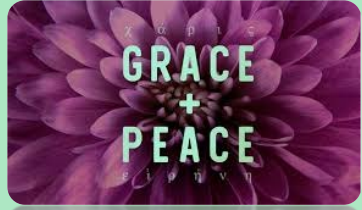


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## “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

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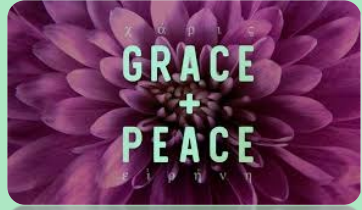


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## “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

### **Introduction**

Most ancient letters included a thanksgiving for the addressee immediately after the salutation. With these words, Paul was expressing his love for Philemon. Paul constantly prayed for churches and for individual believers who had specific needs.



# Philemon 1:3-9

## “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

**Scripture**



## Philemon 1:3-9

### “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

#### Scripture (1:3-6 NLT)

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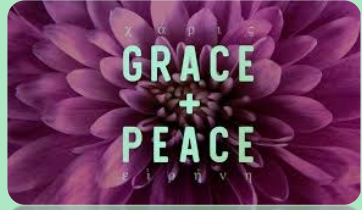
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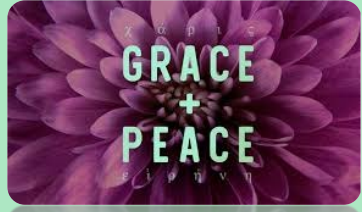
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**Explore It Questions**



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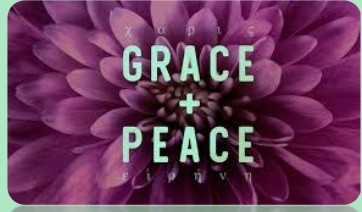
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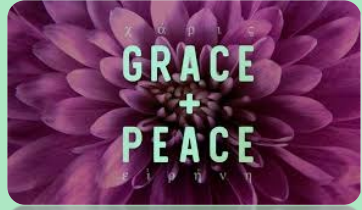
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#### 4. What was Paul’s prayer for his audience? (1:6)

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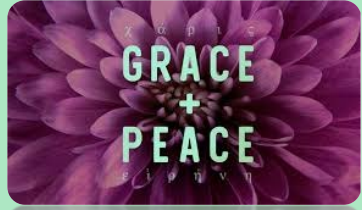
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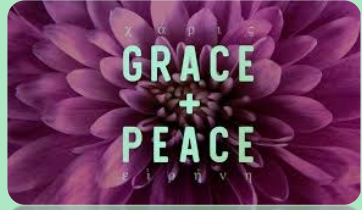
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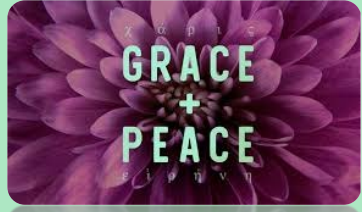


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**Paul Pleads for Onesimus**

**Philemon 1:8-9**



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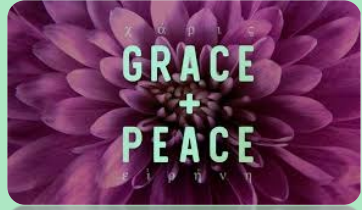
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#### 8. What type of attitude did Paul project toward Philemon? (1:8-9)

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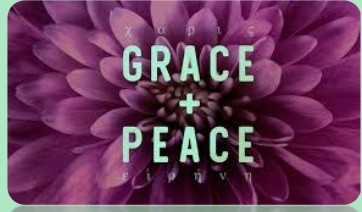
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#### **9. What fruit of the Spirit tempered Paul’s attitude towards Philemon? (1:9)**

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#### **10. How did Paul describe himself in his letter to Philemon? (1:9)**

#### **Explore It Questions**

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## “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayers”

**Get It Questions**

**#11 to #19**

**Apply It Questions**

**#20 to #22**

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**NEXT WEEK'S LESSON**



**Philemon 1:10-25**  
**Paul's Appeal for Onesimus**





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# Prayer



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