



PRAYERS  
OF THE **EPHESIANS**



“ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.”

Acts 9:11



“As we wait and pray, God weaves his story and creates a wonder.”

Paul Miller, *A Praying Life*



# Ephesians 1:15-23

“<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, <sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,

may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,  
<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe,



according to the working of his great  
might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when  
he raised him from the dead and seated  
him at his right hand in the heavenly  
places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority  
and power and dominion, and above  
every name that is named, not only  
in this age but also in the one to come.

<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.”



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## **1) Gospel-centered prayer begins with praise.**

“ For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,...” vs 15,16



“ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures for ever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.”

Psalm 100:4,5



“Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s.”

Psalm 103





**” For a healthy Christian life today it is of the utmost importance to follow Paul’s example and keep Christian praise and Christian prayer together.”**

**John Stott**

## **2) Gospel-centered petitions begin with illumination.**

“ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation .... having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, “ vs 17, 18



“Faith goes beyond reason, but rests on it. Knowledge is the ladder by which faith climbs higher, the springboard from which it leaps further.... knowledge and faith need each other. Faith cannot grow without a firm basis of knowledge; knowledge is sterile if it does not bring forth faith.”

John Stott





- **To know Him**
- **To know the Hope**
- **To know the Power**



- **To know Him**

“may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,” vs 17



“Prayer is asking God to incarnate, to get dirty in your life. Yes, the eternal God scrubs floors. For sure we know he washes feet. So take Jesus at his word. Ask him. Tell him what you want. Get dirty. Write out your prayer requests; don't mindlessly drift through life on the American narcotic of busyness. If you try to seize the day, the day will eventually break you. Seize the corner of his garment and don't let go until he blesses you. He will reshape the day.”

— [Paul E. Miller](#), [A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World](#)



Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

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**For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.**

**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. 14 I will be found by you," declares the LORD,**

**Jeremiah 29:11-14**



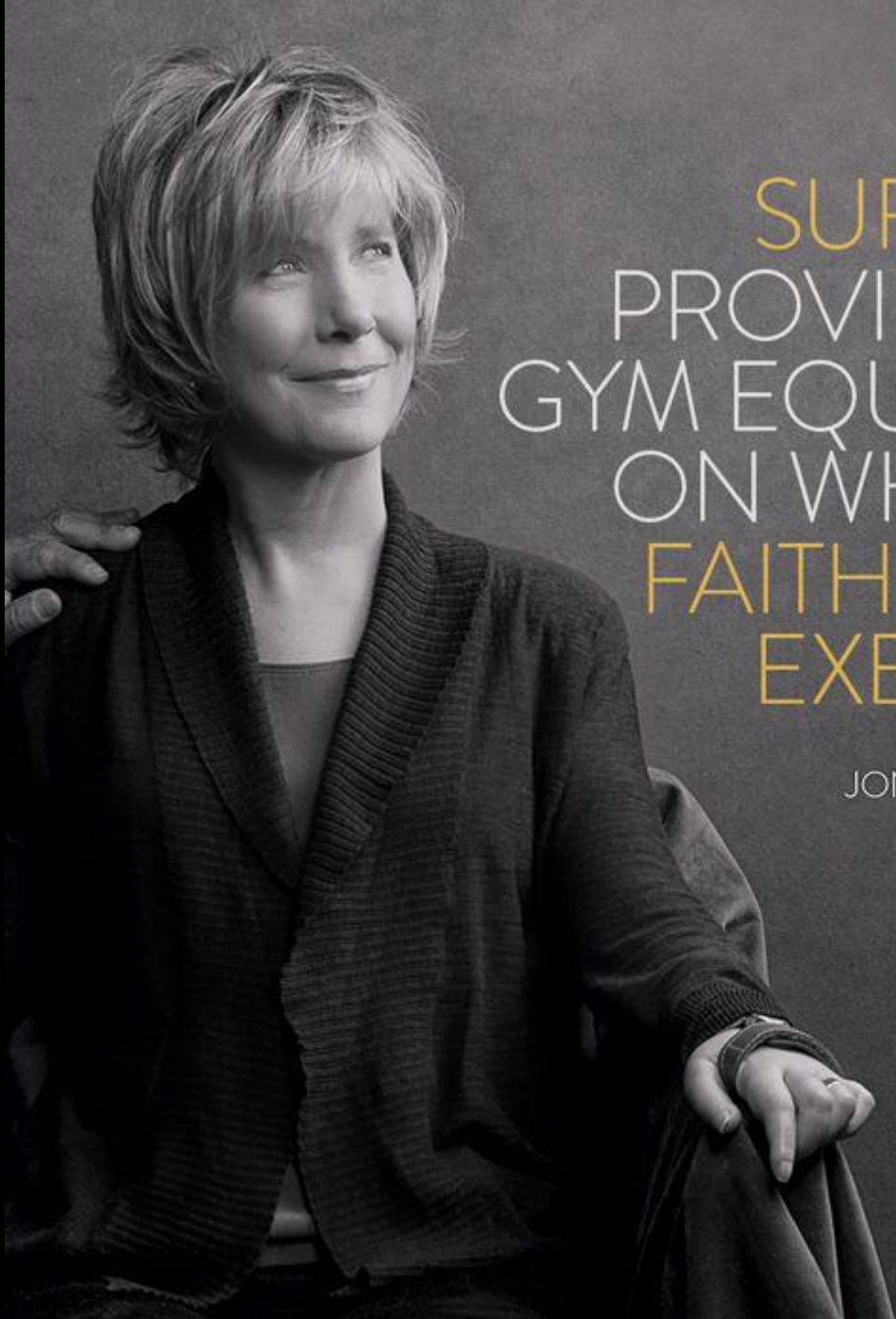
- **To know the Hope**

“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,.” Vs 18



“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade— kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.” 1Peter 1:3-5





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GYM EQUIPMENT  
ON WHICH MY  
FAITH CAN BE  
EXERCISED.

JONI EARECKSON TADA







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Det 32:9 For the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.

Ps 135:4 For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession.

Rev 21: 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.

So 6:3 I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine;

- **To know the Power**

“and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,” vs 19,20



### **3) Gospel-centered prayer prioritizes the church.**

And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. Vs 22,23



























