

The Church's Focus

Pray for one another...

1

Pray for God to give each of us inner strength so that Christ will keep expanding **His controlling influence in our hearts**

2

Pray that we together will grasp and experience the **incomprehensible vastness of Christ's love**

3

Pray for our church that we would be **thoroughly saturated with the fulness of God's character** so that it is obvious He dwells within

Ephesians 3:20-21
Message

**Focus on glorifying
God in the Church
because He is able to
answer every prayer,
showing that He is
worthy of eternal
praise.**

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Direct our praise
to God who is
worthy (20)

*Lifting your soul to God in
prayer should frequently
lift you to heaven in praise*

“Exceeding abundantly beyond”

- *Huper* - has “the sense of excelling, surpassing *over and above, beyond, more than*” (BAGD, p. 839)
- *Huperekperissou* - “quite beyond all measure” and it is “the highest form of comparison imaginable” (BAGD, p. 840). To go far in excess beyond!
- Paul prays to God who is able to do more than everything, very far in excess

God's ability to answer prayer



Our prayers

Our ability
to imagine

Far in excess
beyond

Surpassing Greatness of God's Power

Able - *Dunamis*: potential power, ability to act, capable for the task at hand

Power - *Dunamis*

Works - *Energeia*: active power, power at work

The certainty of God working within us provides solid ground on which to kneel in prayer

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Focus our praise
on bringing glory
to God (21a)

*The true believer
desires that God's
glory will radiate
from the Church,
showing off God's
magnificent
character*

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Realize that God is
being glorified in
Christ and His
Church (21b)



God's glory

In the Church (body) and in Christ Jesus (Head)