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Takeaway: *Paul's prayer for the Thessalonian Christians is a good reminder of how God's word can teach us to pray, for our church and every church.*

Getting Started: Why do you think it's important to pray for the church?

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses :

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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

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