

**FOR WHAT AND FOR WHOM SHALL WE PRAY**

1 TH 5:17

## INTRODUCTION

- A. The Philippian church – background – Acts 16:11-40.
- B. The Philippian letter – circumstances.
- C. PH 4:4-7.
  - 1. Paul admonished – “rejoice evermore.” We can rejoice – “the Lord is at hand.” V. 4.
  - 2. We will not be anxious - v. 6.
  - 3. V. 7 – Song: “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” - #937.
- D. For what and for whom shall we pray?

## DISCUSSION

- I. FOR WHAT SHALL WE PRAY?
  - A. We are to pray for our daily needs.
    - 1. Song: “Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary” - #596.
    - 2. MT 6:11.
    - 3. MT 6:31-32.
  - B. We are to pray for forgiveness of sin.
    - 1. Song: “If I Have Wounded Any Soul” - #243.
    - 2. MT 6:12.
    - 3. 1 JN 1:9.
  - C. Strength to overcome temptation.
    - 1. Song: “I Need Thee Every Hour” - #319.
    - 2. Food temptation – Peanut butter cookie, chocolate chip cookie, with hot chocolate syrup.
    - 3. MT 6:13.
    - 4. MT 26:41.
  - D. For wisdom and ability to use knowledge.
    - 1. Song: “Give Me The Bible” - #611.
    - 2. JA 1:5; Cf. PR 2:6. Bible is the revealed mind of God – here we have God’s wisdom. 2 PE 1:3; 2 TI 3:16, 17.
    - 3. What is wisdom? It is the ability to use knowledge. Cf. 2 PE 3:15.
  - E. For any genuine need or desire.
    - 1. Song: “Did You Think To Pray?” - #778.
    - 2. PH 4:6.
    - 3. 1 SA 1:10-20.
- II. FOR WHOM SHALL WE PRAY?
  - A. Pray for the sick.
    - 1. Song: “Lord We Come Before Thee Now” - #355.
    - 2. JA 5:16; Cf. 1 CO 12:9; Prayer – Spiritual; Oil – Physical.
    - 3. Ill and infirmed.
  - B. Pray for our rulers.
    - 1. Song: “This Is My Father’s World” - #304.
    - 2. 1 TI 2:1-2. “First of all...” important – Nero was king (Caesar) had Paul put to death.
    - 3. We don’t have to argue with them to pray for them.
  - C. Pray for our elders. 1 TI 3; TS 1; 1 PE 5.
    - 1. Song: “I Love Thy Kingdom Lord” - #378.
    - 2. HE 13:7.

3. HE 13:17.
- D. Pray for preachers of the Gospel – Missionaries.
  1. Song: “The Gospel Is For All” - #653.’
  2. RO 15:30 – Paul ask for prayers.
  3. 1 TH 5:25 – “Brethren pray for us.”
- E. Pray for workers to reach the lost.
  1. Song: “Call For Workers” - #146.
  2. 6.5 Billion souls.
  3. MT 9:37, 38.
- F. Pray for lost souls.
  1. Song: “Seeking The Lost” -#742.
  2. RO 10:1. That they may re receptive. That their hearts be touch when they hear the Word of God.
  3. RO 10:17.
  4. Question: Can we pray for the lost, when we are not willing to go and teach them?
- G. Pray for our enemies.
  1. Song: “Onward, Christian Soldiers” - #558.
  2. MT 5:43-44. The OT does not to hate your enemies!
  3. LK 23:34.
- H. Pray for our fellow Christians.
  1. Song: “O God Be With Us” - #294.
  2. PH 1:3, 4.
  3. 3 JN 2.

#### CONCLUSION

- A. Prayer is powerful because our Father can do all things.
- B. EP 3:20-21.
- C. Song: “Pray All The Time” - #911.
- D. 1 TH 5:17.
- E. Salvation is not by “the sinner’s prayer” but by obedience to the Gospel. Acts 2:36-38.