

# **“A Reminder to Pray”**

## **Col. 1:9-12**

### Introduction

- I. Sometimes we need to be reminded about things that we have already learned (1 Tim. 4:6).
- II. A prayer of Paul's helps us to remember things for which we ought to pray (Col. 1:9-12).

### Discussion

- I. We should remember to pray for strength (Col. 1:11).
  - A. The source of our strength is God (Eph. 3:20; Phil. 4:13; Psm. 46:1).
  - B. We are only strong enough because of His strength (Prov. 18:10; Exo. 15:2; Eph. 1:18-20).
- II. We should remember to pray for patience (Col. 1:11).
  - A. We all need to endure and be steadfast (1 Cor. 15:58; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
  - B. Old Testament examples are useful to learn about patience (James 5:10-11).
- III. We should remember to pray for longsuffering (Col. 1:11).
  - A. Do we easily lose hope and confidence?
  - B. Are we quick to give up on a person (Acts 15:36-41; cf. 2 Tim. 4:9-11).
- IV. We should remember to pray for joy (Col. 1:11).
  - A. Regardless of the situations of life, a Christian can have joy (Phil. 4:4).
  - B. Consider the apostles as a group (Acts 5:40-42).
  - C. Consider Paul and Silas (Acts 16:22-25).
- V. We should remember to pray thankfully (Col. 1:12).
  - A. God has blessed us tremendously (Eph. 5:20; James 1:17).
  - B. We show our love to God, by recognizing, and abiding under, the authority of Jesus (Col. 3:17; Rom. 7:25).
  - C. We should be thankful for victory (1 Cor. 15:57).
  - D. Cross reference the ten lepers (Luke 17:11-19).

### Conclusion

- I. We may know a certain truth, but sometimes it is good to be reminded of it.
- II. Our prayers are valuable blessings (it is up to us to use them wisely).