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*For this reason...I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NIV)*

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...and He makes everything work out according to His plan.  
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## Some questions about prayer

### 1. Who should we pray for?

*Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly... Ephesians 1:15-23 (NLT)*

- Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Who do we pray to?

*...asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ...*

- Answer: To \_\_\_\_\_, thru \_\_\_\_\_, empowered by \_\_\_\_\_

### 3. What should we pray for?

*...asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God.*

- Answer: That they will \_\_\_\_\_

*I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope He has given to those He called—His holy people who are His rich and glorious inheritance.*

- Answer: That they will \_\_\_\_\_

*I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe Him. This is the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead and seated Him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.*

*Now He is far above any ruler or authority or power or leader or anything else—not only in this world but also in the world to come. God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made Him head over all things for the benefit of the church.*

### 4. How come sometimes my prayers don't work?

*I call to you, O God, but you never answer; when I pray, you pay no attention. Job 30:20 (GN)*

- Answer: Sometimes God says “\_\_\_\_\_”, sometimes God says “\_\_\_\_\_”, sometimes God says “\_\_\_\_\_”

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*(God) guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. Proverbs 2:8 (NIV)*

*All things are done according to God's plan and decision... Ephesians 1:11 (TEV)*

*“(God says) My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.” Isaiah 46:10 (NIV)*

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- **Answer: That they will know God better**

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- **Answer: That they will understand the power that is available**

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