# Prayer

John 15:9 As the Father has loved Me (Jesus), so have I loved you. Abide in My love.

Ephesians 3: 14-19 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the <u>breadth</u> and <u>length</u> and <u>height</u> and <u>depth</u>, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.



So you can begin to understand the extent of God's love for you:

Imagine standing at the edge of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon **or** on the surface of the Pacific Ocean above the Mariana Trench.

**The Grand Canyon** is 277 miles (446 km) long, up to 18 miles (29 km) wide and attains a depth of over a mile (6,000 feet or 1,800 meters).

The **Mariana Trench** or **Marianas Trench** is the deepest part of the world's oceans. The trench is about 1,580 miles (2,550 kilometers) long but has an average width of only 43 miles (69 kilometers). It reaches a maximum-known depth of 6.831 miles  $(36,069 \pm 131 \text{ ft})$  or  $10.911 \text{ km} (10,911 \pm 40 \text{ m}) \dots$ 

These earthly wonders do not begin to hold a candle to the immensity and surpassing greatness of God's marvelous, divine love for you!

#### **Praise**

Psalm 36:5-7 Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, Your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; Your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

Psalm 63:3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

Psalm 115:1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to Your name give glory, for the sake of Your steadfast love and Your faithfulness!

# Confession

Psalm 51:1, 10 Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You,

You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that you may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.

# Thanksgiving (Jesus' prayer for you):

John 17:21-23 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word that they all may be one, as You, Father, *are* in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

Romans 5:5b God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us. Romans 8:35, 37-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Ephesians 2: 4-5 ...God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.

Colossians 3: 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

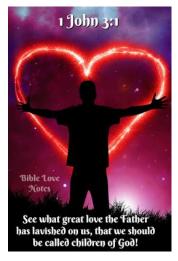
### **Intercession**

Psalm 69:13 But as for me, my prayer is to You, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness.

# For each other /the brethren/missionaries/staff:

Col 1:3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you... Philippians 1:9 ...it is my (our) prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment...

1 Thessalonians 3:12 ...may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all... 1 John 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been and knows God.



Let us pray for you, too! Please email your request using the church website (neighborhoodchurch.com).

The Prayer Team is still actively praying for YOU!

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