



PART 57

STRIVING TOGETHER

ROMANS 15:30-33

1. I NEED A

Romans 15:30, *I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,*

- ✳ **I Appeal** | parakaleo: to call alongside, plead, beg.
- ✳ **Strive Together** | sunagōnizomai: to struggle or fight; “Agonize” (English)
- ✳ **Prayer is often a battle or struggle**, and Paul is looking for people who will enter that struggle with him.

James 5:16b-18, *The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective. Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops.*

- ✳ **John MacArthur** | “Any theology that belittles the power of prayer is heresy.”

Ephesians 6:18-19a, *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me...*

- ✳ **Prayer is a team effort.** We must strive in prayer for those we love.

2. DON'T BE TOO

Romans 15:31-32, *that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.*

PAUL SHARES THREE REQUESTS:

1. Safety from his enemies.
2. A successful ministry in Jerusalem.
3. That he will eventually arrive in Rome.

Philippians 4:6, *Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. (NLT)*

Colossians 4:2-3, *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.*

- ✳ **A QUESTION** | Who am I sharing my most important prayer requests with?

3. PRAY WITH _____

Matthew 6:9-10, *Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."*

1. GOD PROTECTED HIS LIFE, AND...

2. THE OFFERING WAS ACCEPTED, AND...

Acts 21:17-19, *When we had come to Jerusalem, the brothers received us gladly. On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. After greeting them, he related one by one the things that God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.*

3. HE EVENTUALLY ARRIVED IN ROME, AND...

Acts 28:15-16, *The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged. And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed to stay by himself, with the soldier who guarded him.*

Proverbs 16:9, *The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.*

4. TAKE THE _____

Romans 15:33, *May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.*

✳ **God Of Peace** | God is peace and the source of peace. Prayer can grant access to that peace.

Philippians 4:6-7, *Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

✳ **A QUESTION** | What are you anxious about right now? Pray about it!

5. MAKE A _____

THINGS I NEED OTHERS TO PRAY ABOUT FOR ME:
(WHO WILL I ASK?)

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