# OUTLINE 09/14/25 Praying With Joy

Philippians 1:1-11 (NKJV)

Prayer is an opportunity to experience joy.

#### **How To Pray With Joy**

#### 1. Give Thanks

- <sup>3</sup> I <u>thank my God upon every remembrance of you</u>, <sup>4</sup> always in <u>every prayer</u> of mine making request for you all with joy,
- <sup>5</sup> for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, <sup>6</sup> being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; Philippians 1:3-6

## 2. Express Love

<sup>7</sup> just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because <u>I have you in my heart</u>, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace.

<sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, <u>how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.</u> Philippians 1:7-8

## 3. Ask For Growth

<sup>9</sup> And this <u>I pray</u>, that your <u>love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment</u>, <sup>10</sup> that you may <u>approve the things that are excellent</u>,

that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, <sup>11</sup> being <u>filled with the fruits of</u> righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Philippians 1:9-11

#### **How to Receive Christ:**

"Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me even though I'm a sinner. I ask for your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sin and that You rose from the dead. I trust You as my Savior and follow You as Lord, from this day forward. Amen."

## Join Us Next Week For: Sharing With Joy – Philippians 1:12-21

#### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. How is your prayer life?
- 2. What is the difference between happiness and joy?
- 3. Why is it difficult to stay together through good times and bad?
- **4.** How can you pray for people in our church?