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St. Francis Episcopal Church



May 20, 2020

Praying For Yourself?
We have not stopped praying for you

since the first day we heard about you.

Colossians 1:9

Praying For Yourself?

Admittedly, it can seem strange to pray for yourself. Many of us think we have all we need and it would be over the top, if not just plain wrong, to pray for ourselves. That approach can feel right to us until we get to the place when following Jesus that we cannot do what he asks on our own power. Then to keep going, to follow the will of God, and to bless other people we need more than we've already got. That comes from God. We always need what God provides in order to do what God asks.

Praying For Yourself!

Paul shares how he prayed for the Colossians starting with the verse cited above. Here are the verses following (9-12) which give a list of things to pray for others as well as yourself:

In fact, we always pray that God will show you everything he wants you to do and that you may have all the wisdom and understanding that his Spirit gives. Then you will live a life that honors the Lord, and you will always please him by doing good deeds. You will come to know God even better. His glorious power will make you patient and strong enough to endure anything, and you will be truly happy. I pray that you will be grateful to God for letting you have part in what he has promised his people in the kingdom of light.

Here it is in a list form:

1. God will show you everything God wants you to do
2. You may have all the wisdom and understanding the Spirit gives
3. You may live a life that honors the Lord
4. You will always please God by doing good deeds
5. You will come to know God even better
6. God's glorious power will make you patient and strong enough to endure anything
7. You will be truly happy
8. Thank God for letting you have a part in what is promised to the people of God in the kingdom of light.

You will naturally want pray that list for others. See what happens when you

begin to pray it for yourself.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, May 24, 2020 - Morning Prayer by zoom at 10:00am

Centerville Circle of Prayer

That all Centerville businesses would recoup any losses they have incurred during this pandemic.

The Diocese of Virginia

Students, Faculty, and Administrators at Diocesan Church Schools: Christchurch, St. Catherine's, St. Christopher's, St. Margaret's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Stuart Hall that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Anglican Communion

For the people of the Diocese of Namibia (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Luke PatoAbuja (Nigeria) The Most Revd Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba (Primate) that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Grace and Peace,

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