

# PRAYING FOR YOUR GROUP

Prayer is a powerful gift from God that forges deep connection with our True Father, grants us access to His Heavenly Throne, and reminds us of our utter dependence on our Creator, Sustainer, and Comforter.

Paul's prayers make a great place to start praying for your group and group members. Consider these examples:

- [Colossians 1:9-14](#): knowing God's will, spiritual wisdom and fruit, growth in knowledge of God, endurance, patience, joy, gratitude
- [Ephesians 1:17-19](#): spiritual wisdom and revelation, knowledge of God and of their hope as believers
- [Ephesians 3:14-21](#): spiritual power and faith, knowledge of Christ's love, being filled with God's fullness

Foundational to any discipleship group are Gospel-centered relationships. Here are a few ways to pray for relationships in your group:

- Pray for a spirit of grace and forgiveness among group members ([James 1:19](#) and [Matthew 6:12, 14-15](#)).
- Pray for humility ([Philippians 2:1-5](#)).
- Ask God to protect the group from grumbling and complaining spirits ([Philippians 2:14-15](#)).
- Ask God to create environments of encouragement ([1 Thessalonians 5:11](#)).
- Pray that God will reveal group members' spiritual gifts and create opportunities for those gifts to be used to honor him and serve the group.
- Pray for appropriate levels of intimacy, accountability, and confidentiality.
- Ask God to lead new people into your group, and pray for a spirit of acceptance and welcoming among group members.

Pray for the requests you did (or didn't) hear from the group. You may have noticed someone especially emotional or struggling during the discussion, pray (and maybe follow up!). Someone may have shared a particularly difficult situation, pray. Pray for what you know and what you don't know your group needs out of love and dependence on our Jesus who is interceding at the right hand of the Father.

**A healthy group depends on our God and Father for provision and transformation.**