



How to pray in the light of Jesus' second coming

2 Thessalonians 1-3

(1:11-12)

¹¹ To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, ¹² so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ...

(2:13-3:5)

¹³ But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth. ¹⁴ It was for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word *of mouth* or by letter from us. ¹⁶ Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace, ¹⁷ comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word. Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly

and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you; ² and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith. ³ But the Lord is faithful, and He will strengthen and protect you from the evil *one*. ⁴ We have confidence in the Lord concerning you, that you are doing and will *continue to* do what we command. ⁵ May the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God and into the steadfastness of Christ...

(3:16-18)

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance. The Lord be with you all!¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, and this is a distinguishing mark in every letter; this is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

1. Pray that God will count you worthy and work within you to fulfill every desire for goodness in your works and your words

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2. Thank God for choosing you for salvation and sanctification

(2:13-14)

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for this He called you through our gospel, that you may gain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Pray that other believers will be rescued from evil men and spread the word of the Lord

(3:1-2)

Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you; ²and that we will be rescued from perverse and evil men; for not all have faith.

4. Give thanks that God is faithful and pray that He will direct you into the love of God and the steadfastness of Christ

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5. Pray that the Lord will grant you peace in every circumstance

(3:16)

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