

A PRAYER FOR YOUR PRODIGAL

EPHESIANS 1:13-23

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Q: Who taught you how to pray?

A prayer to live and breathe by:

I pray that the eyes of your hearts may be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints. (Eph 1:18, NIV)

1. May the eyes of your heart be open to _____ Him personally.

But I do more than thank. I ask - ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory - to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally. (Eph 1:17, The Message)

That I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death. (Phil 3:10)

If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him. (John 14:7)

2. May the eyes of your heart see the true _____.

All this energy issues from Christ: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, ²¹in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. ²²He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. ²³The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence. (Eph 1:20-23, The Message)

Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:9-11)

3. May the eyes of your heart know how _____ you are.

Ephesians 1:3-14 -

Blessed with every spiritual blessing (v.3)

Chosen in Christ (v.4)

Predestined to adoption as sons (v.5)

Recipients of His Grace (v.6)

Redeemed in blood (v.7)

Forgiven of sins (v.7)

Wisdom and understanding (v.8)

His plan made known to us (v.9-10)

Chosen for His inheritance (v.11)

Sealed in Jesus (v.13)

Given the deposit of the Spirit (v.14)

4. May the eyes of your heart know your _____.

That you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints. (Eph 1:18b)

5. May the eyes of your heart know the _____ He provides.

And what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might ²⁰that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. ²²And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. (Eph 1:19-23)

The Power of God

_____ Jesus from the dead (v.20)

_____ Him at His right hand (v.20)

_____ Christ above all demons (v.21)

_____ all things at His feet (v.22)

_____ church in Christ at the center (v.23)

Conclusion