



THE ROLE OF *HURRICANES* IN THE VICTORIOUS LIFE

How to pray

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Colossians 4:2-6 *Practices of Christian citizens*

Devote yourselves to prayer,
keeping alert in it
with *an attitude of* thanksgiving;

22. Pray alertly

³praying at the same time for us as well,
that God may open up to us a door for the word,
so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ,
for which I have also been imprisoned;
⁴in order that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.

23. Witness clearly

⁵Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders,
making the most of the opportunity.

24. Act wisely

⁶Let your speech always be with grace,
seasoned, *as it were*, with salt,
so that you may know how you should respond to each person.

25. Speak graciously

Romans 15:28 ...I will go on by way of you to Spain.

²⁹ And I know that when I come to you, I will come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

³⁰ Now I urge you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God for me,

³¹ that I may be delivered from those who are disobedient in Judea, and *that* my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints;

³² so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and find *refreshing* rest in your company.

Colossians 1:3 We give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you,

⁹ ...we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

¹⁰ so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please *Him* in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

¹¹ strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously

¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

1:24 Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake...

2:1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have on your behalf, and for those who are at Laodicea, and for all those who have not personally seen my face,

² that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and *attaining* to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, *resulting* in a true knowledge of God's mystery, *that is*, Christ *Himself*,

3:15 ... be thankful...

¹⁶ ...singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God...

¹⁷ ...giving thanks through Him to God the Father...

4:12 Epaphras, who is one of your number, a bonds slave of Jesus Christ, sends you his greetings, always laboring earnestly for you in his prayers, that you may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God.

¹³ For I bear him witness that he has a deep concern for you and for those who are in Laodicea and Hierapolis.

Philippians 1:3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

⁴ always offering prayer with joy in my every prayer for you all,

⁹ And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment,

¹⁰ so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ;

1:18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and in this I rejoice, yes, and I will rejoice.

¹⁹ For I know that this shall turn out for my deliverance through your prayers and the provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

²⁰ according to my earnest expectation and hope, that I shall not be put to shame in anything, but *that* with all boldness, Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.

²¹ For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

2:17 But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.

¹⁸ And you too, *I urge you*, rejoice in the same way and share your joy with me.

3:1 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your forbearing *spirit* be known to all men. The Lord is near.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4:10 But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me...

Ephesians 1:15 For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you, and your love for all the saints,

¹⁶ do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention *of you* in my prayers;

¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him.

¹⁸ *I pray that* the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints,

¹⁹ and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. *These are* in accordance with the working of the strength of His might

3:14 ...I bow my knees before the Father,

¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name,

¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man;

¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; *and* that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

5:4 *there must be no* filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting, which are not fitting, but rather giving of thanks.

5:18 ... be filled with the Spirit,

¹⁹ speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord;

²⁰ always giving thanks for all things...

6:10 Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,

¹⁹ and *pray* on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,

²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in *proclaiming* it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

All scripture is from the NASV. Colossians 4:2-6 (text in the box on p.1) is in the form of a phrase by phrase break down. The words and word order have not been changed.