

## **Thanksgiving and Prayer - Philippians 1:1-11**

### **Topics:**

Believers, Blessing, Glory, God, Gospel, Grace, Jesus Christ, Partnerships, Peace, Praise, Prayer, Righteousness, Serving

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## “Thanksgiving and Prayer”

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## **Introduction**



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As Paul wrote this letter, he was under house arrest in Rome. When the Philippian church had heard about Paul’s imprisonment, they had sent Epaphroditus (who may have been one their elders) to Rome to visit and encourage him. Epaphroditus had arrived with words of affection from the church, as well as a financial contribution that would help make Paul’s confinement more comfortable.



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Paul wanted to thank the believers for helping him during his time of need. He also wanted to tell them why he could be full of joy despite his imprisonment and upcoming trial. He wanted them to remain strong in the faith, realizing that although he was in chains for the gospel, God was still in control and the truth of the gospel remained unchanged.



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In this uplifting letter, Paul counseled the Philippians about humility and unity and warned them about potential problems they would face.



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**Scripture**



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<sup>1</sup>This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus. I am writing to all of God’s holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

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“May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace” (1:2 NLT).



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**“Paul’s Chains Advance the Gospel”**  
**Philippians 1:12-30**

**Philippians**

*Rejoice in the Lord*

**NEXT  
WEEK’S  
LESSON**