

Thanksgiving and Prayer—Philippians 1:1–11

Open It

1. What's your usual way of saying hello to your friends?
2. In your family, how important are greetings in affirming each other?

Philippians 1:1–11 (ESV)

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you,

⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy,

⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment,

¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ,

¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Explore It

3. How did Paul identify himself and his coworker? (1:1)
4. To whom did Paul address this letter? (1:1)
5. How did Paul greet the Philippians? (1:2)
6. When Paul thought about the Philippians, what did he do? (1:3)
7. How were the Philippians in partnership with Paul? (1:4–5)
8. What was Paul confident about? (1:6)
9. How did Paul feel about the Philippian church? (1:7–8)
10. What did Paul report that he prayed for? (1:9)
11. What two results did Paul seek? (1:10–11)

Get It

12. What godly encouragement can you offer other Christians?
13. Paul complimented the church at Philippi; what positive things can you say about your congregation?

Apply It

14. Which Christian brother or sister would be uplifted to receive a letter/email from you this week?