

## **Request for Prayer—2 Thessalonians 3:1–5**

Topics: Growth, Love, Maturity, Prayer, Salvation, Spiritual Growth

### **Open It**

1. How frequently do you stay in touch with a friend who is many miles away?
2. What motivates most people to pray?

### **2 Thessalonians 3:1–5 (ESV)**

**<sup>1</sup>Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,**

**<sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith.**

**<sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one.**

**<sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command.**

**<sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.**

### **Explore It**

3. How had the gospel been received by the Thessalonians?
4. How did Paul want to see the gospel received?
5. What prayer requests did Paul share with the Thessalonians?
6. What type of people were threatening Paul?
7. How did Paul describe God?
8. What will God do for people who are threatened by the evil one?
9. What confidence did Paul have in the Christians at Thessalonica?
10. How did Paul remind his readers of the Lord's direction?
11. What did Paul want his readers to remember about the Lord?

### **Get It**

12. How does prayer change people or circumstances?
13. How does our belief about God affect the way we pray?

### **Apply It**

14. For what kind of growth in your Christian life can you pray this week?
15. For whom will you pray this week that their faith may be strengthened?