

You recognize the sender on your email list, and you open it to read, *“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should.”* So, what do you do?

Be steadfast in prayer 4:2

- ***being watchful and thankful***

Pray for us 4:3

- ***Open doors for the word***

- ***To declare the mystery of Christ***

- ***For which I am in prison***

- ***That I may make it clear when I speak 4:4***

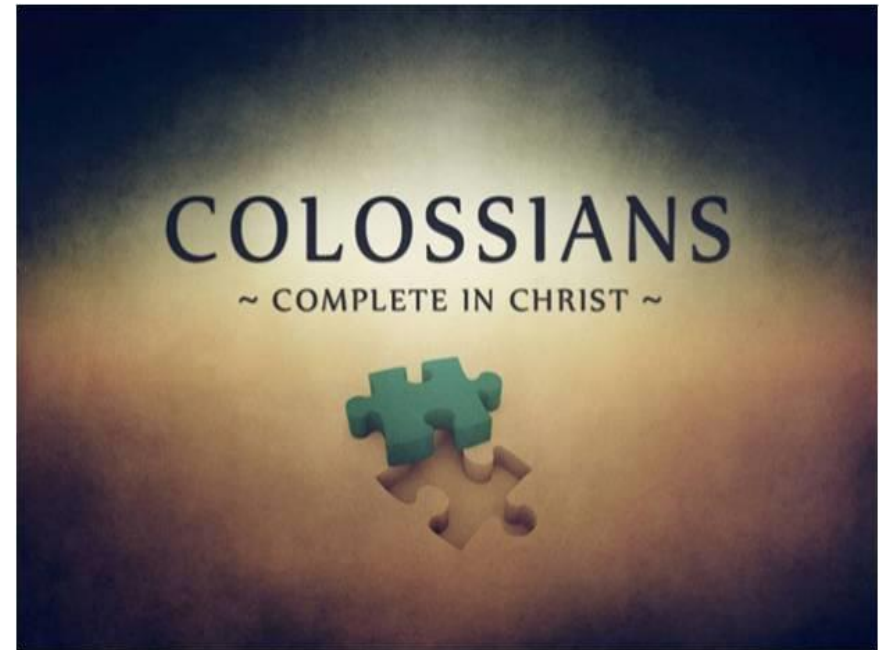
Walk in wisdom toward outsiders 4:5

Make the most of every opportunity 4:5

Let your speech always be gracious 4:6

Personal Application and Interaction

1. To what do you give your best efforts?
2. What has God been addressing in your life when it comes to your prayer life?
3. As you go through the coming week, pray through the prayer Jesus taught His disciple (Matt. 6: 9-13). Do this in one setting or as you go about the week. Break it down into small segments, meditating on what it says, and praying accordingly.
4. Most of us need a dedicated time every day to “*continue earnestly in prayer*” (Col. 4:2, NKJV). The days slip away from us so easily. When are you at your best and most likely to be able to focus on the Lord, and enjoy His presence as you pray?
5. For whose witness for Christ are you actively and consistently praying?



Devote Yourselves to Prayer

Colossians 4:2-6

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