

say it. You too are likely to say it. "I'm praying for you!"

What does that mean? How am I praying? For what am I praying? What's my frame of reference and what's on my mind as I pray for friends, family, missionaries, young people, co-workers, and those who are facing transitions or disturbing circumstances? Last Sunday, I said that I'm so thankful for every opportunity to pray every week with the elders. One text from God's Word often shapes our prayers for you as we ask God, *"to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding."* So, we pray today, *"Lord, teach us to pray."*

***Give thanks for those who are off to a good start with God in Christ***

***Ask God to fill people with the knowledge of His will...***

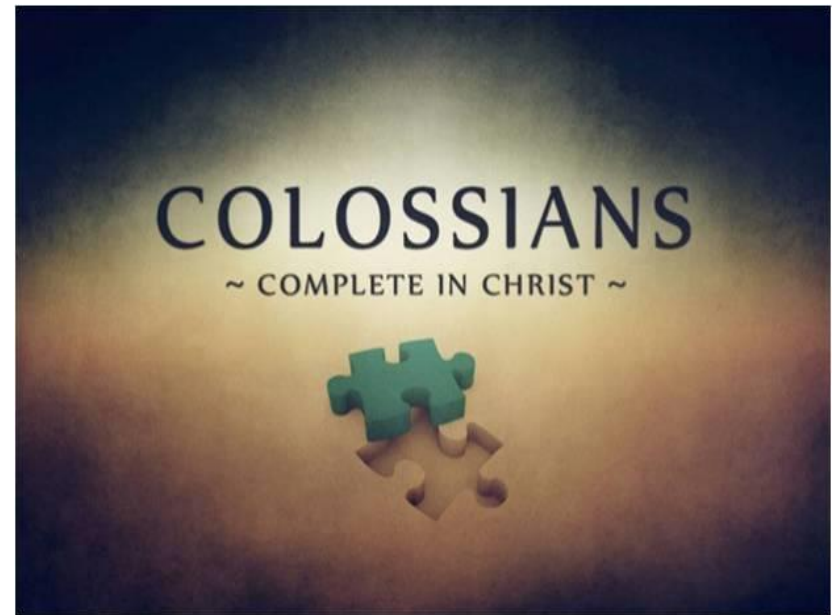
- ***With all spiritual***
  - ***Wisdom***

***Give thanks for those who are getting the Word out***

- ***Understanding***

## Personal Application and Interaction

1. How do you know how to pray for people?
  2. What shapes your prayers for others?
  3. How shall I pray for people who have gotten off to a good start with Christ?
  4. What's your frame of reference and what's on your mind as you pray that God would fill someone [anyone] *"with the knowledge of His will through all wisdom and spiritual understanding"*?
- ❖ *Choose one or more: apply this prayer more specifically as you...*
- Pray this prayer for someone who is facing an important decision.
  - Pray this prayer for our students (middle school through graduate school)
  - Pray this for someone who is struggling with a difficult set of circumstances.
  - Pray this prayer for the leaders of our ministry who are under the crunch of deadlines with the Maybrook campus.
  - Pray this prayer for friends facing yet another demanding transition in life.



# Praying for you...in the Spirit

## Colossians 1:3-9

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