

# “Prayer for Thessalonians ”

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## 1Thessalonians 3:9-13

9 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you?

10 Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

11 Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you.

## 1Thessalonians 3:9-13

12 May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

13 May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

## Reasons Paul wrote this letter:

- Missing

1Th 2:17-18 But, brothers and sisters, when we were orphaned by being separated from you for a short time (in person, not in thought), out of our intense longing we made every effort to see you. **For we wanted to come to you**—certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.

1Th3:6 But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that **you long to see us**, just as we also long to see you.

## Reasons Paul wrote this letter:

- Misunderstanding

1Th4:11 and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: **You should mind your own business and work with your hands**, just as we told you,

1Th4:13 Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, **who have no hope.**

## Reasons Paul wrote this letter:

- Mistake

1Th4:3-4 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that **you should avoid sexual immorality**; that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable,



1. Supply what is lacking in your faith

1Th4:9-10 How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

1Th4:14 For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that **God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.** ...

16 For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, **and the dead in Christ will rise first.** 17 After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so **we will be with the Lord forever.** 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1Th5:1 Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, 2 for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3 While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4 But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. 5 You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness.

2. Make your love increase and overflow

1Th3:12 May the Lord **make your love increase and overflow** for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

1Th4:9 Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, **to do so more and more,**

1Th5:12 Now we ask you, brothers and sisters, to acknowledge those who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you. 13 **Hold them in the highest regard in love** because of their work. Live in peace with each other. 14 And we urge you, brothers and sisters, **warn** those who are idle and disruptive, **encourage** the disheartened, **help** the weak, **be patient** with everyone. 15 Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, **but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.**



John13:34 “A new command I give you: **Love one another. As I have loved you**, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

1John3:16 This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And **we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.**

### 3. Strengthen your heart

1Th3:13 May he **strengthen your hearts** so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

1Th4:3 It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; 4 that each of you should **learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable**, 5 not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; 6 and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister. The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before.

1Th4:7 For God did not call us to be impure, **but to live a holy life**. 8 Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

1Peter1:14 As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. 15 **But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do**; 16 for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

1. Supply what is lacking in your faith : **Be Faithful**
2. Make your love increase and overflow: **Love more**
3. Strengthen your heart: **Live Holy**

1Th5:23 May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.