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**7th Sunday of Pentecost**

**Just Saying? or Praying?**

July 27, 2025

Divine Service 4



## **PRE-SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **PROCESSIONAL**

## **AS WE GATHER**

God's Word instructs us to stay connected to Christ. We experience that connection as we gather to hear God's Word, dine at our Lord's Table, and pray persistent, bold prayers for ourselves, our neighbors, communities, and world. Today we hear Abraham pleading with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples to pray. Jesus then illustrates the power of bold, persistent prayer and affirms the goodness of the One who

hears our prayers. "For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5–6).

## **Confession and Absolution**

### **HYMN OF INVOCATION: 663 Rise, My Soul, To Watch And Pray**

- 1 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray;  
From your sleep awaken!  
Be not by the evil day  
Unawares o'ertaken;  
For the foe,  
Well we know,  
Is a harvest reaping  
While the saints are sleeping.
- 2 Watch against the devil's snares  
Lest asleep he find you;  
For indeed no pains he spares  
To deceive and blind you.  
Satan's prey  
Oft are they  
Who secure are sleeping  
And no watch are keeping.
- 3 Watch! Let not the wicked world  
With its lies defeat you  
Lest with bold deceptions hurled  
It betray and cheat you.  
Watch and see  
Lest there be

Faithless friends to charm you,  
Who but seek to harm you.

4 Watch against yourself, my soul,  
Lest with grace you trifle;  
Let not self your thoughts control  
Nor God's mercy stifle.  
Pride and sin  
Lurk within,  
All your hopes to shatter;  
Heed not when they flatter.

5 But while watching, also pray  
To the Lord unceasing.  
God protects you day by day,  
Strength and faith increasing,  
So that still  
Mind and will  
Shall unite to serve Him  
And forever love Him.

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Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in  
remembrance of their Baptism.*

## INVOCATION

**P** In the name of the Father and of  
the ✙ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## EXHORTATION

*LSB 203*

**P** Our help is in the name of the  
Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

*Kneel / Stand*

## **CONFESSION OF SINS** *LSB 203*

**C** **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

## **PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life

through Your Spirit. Be in our midst,  
enliven our faith, and graciously  
receive our prayer and praise;  
through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our  
Lord.

**C Amen.**

*Stand*

## Service of the Word

### INTROIT

**P** Call upon me in the day of  
trouble;

I will deliver you, and you shall  
glorify me.

**C With my whole heart I cry; answer  
me, O LORD!**

**I will keep your statutes.**

**P** I call to you; save me,  
that I may observe your  
testimonies.

**C I rise before dawn and cry for help;  
I hope in your words.**

**P** My eyes are awake before the  
watches of the night,  
that I may meditate on your  
promise.

**C Hear my voice according to your  
steadfast love;**

**O LORD, according to your justice  
give me life.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the  
Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**[P]** Call upon me in the day of  
trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall  
glorify me.

## **KYRIE**

*LSB 204*

**[C]** Lord, have mercy;  
Christ, have mercy;  
Lord, have mercy.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** *LSB 204*

**[C]** 1 To God on high be glory  
And peace to all the earth;  
Goodwill from God in heaven  
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
We praise and bless You,  
Father;  
Your holy name, we sing—  
Our thanks for Your great glory,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.

2 To You, O sole-begotten,  
The Father's Son, we pray;  
O Lamb of God, our Savior,  
You take our sins away.  
Have mercy on us, Jesus;  
Receive our heartfelt cry,  
Where You in pow'r are seated  
At God's right hand on high—

3 For You alone are holy;  
You only are the Lord.  
Forever and forever,  
Be worshiped and adored;  
You with the Holy Spirit

**Alone are Lord Most High,  
In God the Father's glory.  
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Text: Stephen P. Starke

## **SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Genesis 18:20–33*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, <sup>21</sup>I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know."

### **Abraham Intercedes for Sodom**

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then

Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked?"

<sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

<sup>27</sup>Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." <sup>32</sup>Then he said, "Oh let not the



Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." <sup>33</sup>And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** *Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 3*

## **Give Thanks to the LORD**

<sup>1</sup>I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

<sup>2</sup>I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

for you have exalted above all things

your name and your word.

<sup>3</sup>On the day I called, you answered me;

my strength of soul you increased.

<sup>4</sup>All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth,

<sup>5</sup>and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,

but the haughty he knows from afar.

<sup>7</sup>Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve my life;  
you stretch out your hand against  
the wrath of my enemies,  
and your right hand delivers me.  
<sup>8</sup>The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O LORD,  
endures forever.

Do not forsake the work of your hands.

## **EPISTLE**                      *Colossians 2:6–19*

### **Alive in Christ**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,  
<sup>7</sup>rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup>See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, <sup>12</sup>having been buried with him in baptism, in which

you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup>And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup>by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup>He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

### **Let No One Disqualify You**

<sup>16</sup>Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. <sup>17</sup>These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

**[L]** This is the Word of the Lord.

**[C]** Thanks be to God.

## ALLELUIA AND VERSE

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**C These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.**

**C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## HOLY GOSPEL      *Luke 11:1–13*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the eleventh chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

### The Lord's Prayer

<sup>1</sup>Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread,

<sup>4</sup>and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive  
everyone who is indebted to us.  
And lead us not into temptation."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I

have nothing to set before him';  
 7and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything'? 8I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. 9And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. 11What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; 12or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? 13If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

**[P]** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**[C] Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**[C] I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son,  
 our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the  
Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was  
buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day He rose again  
from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty.**

**From thence He will come to  
judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✝ everlasting.**

**Amen.**

*Sit*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: 710 The Lord's My Shepherd I'll Not Want**

- 1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not  
want;  
He makes me down to lie  
In pastures green; He leadeth me  
The quiet waters by.
- 2 My soul He doth restore again  
And me to walk doth make  
Within the paths of righteousness,  
E'en for His own name's sake.

- 3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark  
vale,  
Yet will I fear no ill;  
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod  
And staff me comfort still.
- 4 My table Thou hast furnishèd  
In presence of my foes;  
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,  
And my cup overflows.
- 5 Goodness and mercy all my life  
Shall surely follow me;  
And in God's house forevermore  
My dwelling place shall be.

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## **SERMON "Are We Just Saying Or Really Praying The Lord's Prayer?"**

*Col. 2:6-16;  
Luke 11:1-13 and asst. pages*

*Sermon Outline on page 14 of your  
bulletin*

*Stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

### **Prayer Response**

**P** ... .... Lord, in Your mercy,  
**C**hear our prayer.

*Sit*

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY: He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ  
will hold me fast;

When the tempter would prevail, He  
will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold through  
life's fearful path;

For my love is often cold; He must  
hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me  
fast;

For my Saviour loves me so, He will  
hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ  
will hold me fast;

Precious in his holy sight, He will hold  
me fast.

He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
promises shall last;

Bought by Him at such a cost, He will  
hold me fast.

He will hold me fast, He will hold me  
fast;

For my Saviour loves me so, He will  
hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ  
will hold me fast;

Justice has been satisfied; He will  
hold me fast.



Raised with Him to endless life, He will  
hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When  
He comes at last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me  
fast;  
For my Saviour loves me so, He will  
hold me fast.

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## LORD'S PRAYER

**☐ Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

**BENEDICAMUS**

*LSB 212*

**☐ Let us bless the Lord.**

**☑ Thanks be to God.**

## BENEDICTION

**☐ The Lord bless you and keep you.**

The Lord make His face shine on  
you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor  
and ✠ give you peace.

**✠ Amen.**

## **HYMN TO DEPART: 771 Be Still, My Soul, Before The Lord**

- 1 Be still, my soul, before the Lord,  
For God is always near.  
Before your mind is moved to  
pray,  
God listens and will hear.
- 2 You need not multiply your words  
Nor pray with practiced art.  
Beyond all speech, God  
understands  
The hunger of your heart.
- 3 Wait, then, in quiet confidence,  
Your anxious thoughts at rest.  
God knows your needs before  
you ask  
And works for what is best.
- 4 Be still, my soul, before the Lord;  
On God in patience wait.  
God's love, unseen, surrounds  
your life;  
God's help will not be late.

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**WELCOME, Rev. Grulke!** We are very blessed to have Rev. Galen Grulke leading the Sunday Worship Service. Pastor Grulke, in retirement, serves as Visitation/Guest pastor where he is needed. We pray that we will enrich his service as he is enriching ours.

Also, pray for safe travels and good times for Pastor Ken and Kim.

**THERE WILL BE NO BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY FOR BOTH TIMES.**

**OFFICE HOURS:** Pastor Ken normally will be at the Church Office on Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. If you would like to meet with him please feel free to give him a call (Cell 734-395-4945) to set up a time.

If there are board meetings on Thursday night, he will be available at the church office from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at which point he will be attending a board or Council meeting. Again, call his cell to set up a time.

Other times will be made available by giving him a call.

## **MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASS:** Starting on **Tuesday, October 2 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm** and every Tuesday thereafter, we will

be offering a ten-week Adult Confirmation Class, entitled "Fit For Life." Booklet material will be provided as we explore what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. This class is designed for those adults who want to become Lutheran, but it is also open to those members who wish to review and rediscover the tenets of their faith. A sign-up sheet will be provided. In the meantime, please feel free to talk to Pastor Ken about this class!

## **WORSHIP SERVANTS    July 27, 2025**

**Acolyte:** Nolan Labut

**Elders:** Bill Hertel and Garet Fix

**Pastor:** Pastor Kenneth Huner

**Organist:** Linda Freeman

**Special Music:**

**Altar:** Barb Yek and Lois Brumm

**Counting:** Dan Krueger and Brian Moehring

**Ushers:** Brian Moehring and Dennis Sprague

**Greeters:** Clara Hertel and Nataillie Fix

## **MINISTRY CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sun Jul 27**

9 am – Adult Bible Study – Lead by Pastor Grulke

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Pentecost 7, Divine Worship

### **Mon July 28**

### **Tues Jul 29**

10 am – NO adult bible study

11 am - Prayer Warriors Check with Deb Dugan

7 pm – NO Bible Study

**Wed Jul 30**

**Thur Jul 31**

10:30 am – Christian Art class will be taking a break until October, date to be decided

7 pm -- Stewardship and Evangelism

**Fri Aug 1**

**Sat Aug 2**

**Sun Aug 3**

9 am – Adult Bible Study – Stewards by God's Design Lead by Pastor Grulke.

9 am – Children's Sunday School

10 am – Pentecost 8, Divine Worship w/ Communion.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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July 27, 2025 Trinity Pinckney

*Guest Pastor: Galen Grulke*

**Texts: Colossians 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13 and Assorted Passages**

**Message: Are We Just Saying or Really Praying the Lord's Prayer?**

What in your life is on cruise control...or automatic – autopilot...things that we do automatically, without even thinking about them or thinking our way through them?

It is amazing and somewhat amusing how we have convinced ourselves that God hasn't yet caught on to the

difference between our expressions of genuine spirituality and our automatic, repetitive readings or recitations of the Lord's Prayer.

**The fact that Jesus urges His disciples to address God as Father points to one of the primary motives behind this prayer** – Jesus was instructing His disciples how to pray and what to pray...to pray for Kingdom Goals, Daily Needs, and Spiritual Strength.

**With this "Father" reference, Jesus assures His disciples that their relationship to God is one of beloved children.** With that assurance, they may keep God's name hallowed, holy – using it for prayer, praise and thanksgiving...

† as they confidently pray for God's kingdom to come, an expression of trust in God's continuing work through His Son, who, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, provide our day by day physical and spiritual needs and...

† as His beloved children we forgive others as He's forgiven us, all the while trusting that in moments of "testing" or "temptation," God is always with us, His disciples.

Jesus' almost comic examples of petitioning (vv.5-10) emphasize the attitude toward prayer Jesus was

attempting to impart to these disciples. Don't you just love Jesus' gracious response to His children? "And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened...If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:9-10, 13

**Prayer is crying out spontaneously in need to God at anytime -- and God's response is assured all the time.** See, in response to our childish petitions for food or "things," God gives nothing less than the gift of the Holy Spirit (v.13) to keep His true disciples spiritually alive and alert through His presence and power.

**The "Lord's Prayer" was to be much more than a blueprint, a model. It was to show us how we can gain access to the power and love and grace God offers to us daily.**

Staying connected to the Spirit and spiritually alive and alert demands some Christian aerobics...Allow me to share just three with you...

**† Read and Heed the Word..** Jesus states: "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it /

*obey it... Your word is  
a lamp to my feet and a light  
to my path. Luke 11:28; Psalm  
119:105*

**† P-R-A-Y to God day by  
day...Praise God...Repent of your  
sins...Ask for yourself and  
others...Yield to God's will!**

*"Therefore, I tell you, whatever you  
ask for in prayer, believe that you  
have received it, and it will be yours."  
Mark 11:24*

**What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear! What  
a privilege to carry ev'rything to  
God in prayer! Oh, what peace  
we often forfeit; Oh, what needless  
pain we bear; All because we do  
not carry ev'rything to God in  
prayer!**

**† Develop loving relationships along  
the way...**

Reading and Heeding the Word and  
Praying to God are spiritually  
refreshing, personal activities that I  
can do on my own with just God  
and me that creates and maintains  
a healthy loving relationship with  
Him. But God has something more  
for you and me...He created us for  
community and blessed us with His  
Spirit that empowers us to develop  
loving relationships with others. That  
is the only way my Reading and  
Heeding of His Word and my Prayers



are lived out and used by God to bless my life, my family, His church and the lives of others.

See, I cannot say...

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name;** If I live only for myself and I don't attempt each day to live and act like His child...If I am not storing up heavenly treasures...and if I'm not striving for holiness in daily living.

I cannot say...

**Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;** If I'm not doing all within my power to prepare myself and others for that marvelous event....if I'm disobedient to His Word and Way and His Will for my life...and if I'm not serving Him here and now.

I cannot say...

**give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;** If I'm dishonest or so engrossed in making a living that I'm failing to make a life with Him and to develop loving relationships with others and if I'm resentful or harboring a grudge or an unforgiving spirit against someone.

I cannot say...

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;** If I'm deliberately placing myself in temptation's path,

and if I'm not daily praying on the whole armor of God.

I cannot say...

**For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen;** If I'm not giving the King the loyalty due Him as a faithful servant...If I'm trusting my own power or if I fear what others might say and do to me and if I'm seeking honor only for myself and find my life limited completely to the here and now and not the hereafter.

**Help and empower us, Lord Jesus, to not Just Say but Really Pray the Lord's Prayer which is much more than a blueprint or model, for it shows us how we can gain access to the power and love and grace You offer to us daily as we Read and Heed Your Word ...Pray to You day by day...and Develop loving relationships along the way.**

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and*

*length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

Ephesians 3:14-21