

PAUL'S PRAYERS

OCTOBER 28, 2026

INTRO:

Paul started the church at Ephesus and spent two years converting many people, mostly gentiles. He took his call seriously, **ACTS 26:15-19**. The church had serious issues that needed addressed: Anger, immorality, drunkenness, lying, foolish talking, evil speech, marital, children. If we were Paul, how would we pray?

PAUL'S TWO PRAYERS:

1. **EPH. 1:15-23** – He prays for spiritual insight.
 - a. Three core realities: The hope of his calling – Our future destiny; The riches of the glory of his inheritance; and the exceeding greatness of his power to believers.
 - b. What if you received a \$10 Million inheritance from a relative, as long as you don't get a speeding ticket over the next year. You would not speed, your behavior would be monitored by your future inheritance.
 - c. Keeping our eyes on the prize changes our perspective on how we behave.
2. **EPH. 3:14-21** – He prays for spiritual strength.
 - a. Made possible through the riches of God's glory and finished work of Christ. **PHIL. 4:19** Whatever we need is found in Christ. **EPH. 1:3**.
 - Strengthened with might. Power to live for God.
 - Christ living in us by faith.
 - Revelation of God's love.
 - Filled with God's fulness.
 - b. **EPH. 5:17-20** – Sixty years after Pentecost, Paul knew the importance of being spirit filled in order to live the Christian life.

CONCLUSION:

Success in Christian living requires power beyond human scope. Power from on High is necessary according to Jesus. Whether praying for ourselves or others, these two Ephesian prayers are powerful to motivate people to live for God successfully. This power is activated by faith. **I COR. 4:20 NLT** "It's an empowered life" **MSG**.

CHURCH MEETINGS & EVENTS

- **OCTOBER 29th, 2026 - HEALING CLASS** - It has been moved to Thursday for this month—Pastor Bill teaches this class, they meet in the Fellowship Hall @ 9:30 a.m.

- **VICTORY CLASS** - Every Sunday at 8:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall Café, Ed Braddock is the leader, all are welcome!
- **NOVEMBER - THANKS IN ACTION** - Each Sunday - Starting on November 1st, and for the following 4-weeks. We have plans to put **Thankfulness Into Action, Don't Just Say It - Live it...** There will be more detailed information prior to each week.
 - November 1st - Week 1: Community
 - November 8th - Week 2: Country & Veterans
 - November 15th - Week 3: Family
 - November 22nd - Week 4: Church Volunteers

This will culminate with our Thanksgiving Communion service on November 24th
**For Week 2 (November 8th) - Country & Veterans, please provide us with a picture of yourself or a family member who is currently in the Military or is a Veteran - we will need the name and a photo sent to Gino at Media@cafamily.net or you can drop it off at the church office by November 4th.
- **NOVEMBER 1ST, 2026 - SPECIAL OFFERING - FOOD PANTRY** Our Second Offering will be for our Food Pantry - this offering falls in line with Week #1 of **THANKS IN ACTION** - Community. We are also collecting New to Slightly Used Toys for our **Toy Give Away** in December. Please place them in the carts in the Narthex.
- **NOVEMBER 4th - VETERAN'S PICTURES** - please remember to have your pictures to Gino by the 4th. These pictures fall in line with Week # 2 of **THANKS IN ACTION**.
- **NOVEMBER 14th, 2026 - WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING** - 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast will be served and there will be an Offering taken. Sign up begins on October 25th.
- **NOVEMBER 18th - FOOD PANTRY** - 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Gym.
- **NOVEMBER 24th - THANKSGIVING COMMUNION SERVICE** - AT 7:00 p.m. No service on Wednesday November 25th. **NOVEMBER 26th & 27th - CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED.**