

A Reformation of Prayer:

Make Us Worthy of the Call

2 Thessalonians 1:3–12

To this end we always pray for you,
that our God may make you
worthy of his calling and may fulfill
every resolve for good and every
work of faith by his power,

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12

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so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12

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With this in mind, we constantly
pray for you...

2 Thessalonians 1:11

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We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 1:3–4

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Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

2 Thessalonians 1:3–4

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Thanksgiving in Light of God's Redemption

“The unvarnished truth is that what we most frequently give thanks for betrays what we most highly value. If a large percentage of our thanksgiving is for material prosperity, it is because we value material prosperity proportionately.”

—**D.A. Carson**

Thanksgiving for growing faith.

Thanksgiving for growing love.

We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 1:3

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**Thanksgiving for greater
steadfastness under persecution.**

Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions that you are enduring.

2 Thessalonians 1:4

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Rejoicing in Light of God's Kingdom

This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering—

2 Thessalonians 1:5

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“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5:11–12

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since indeed God considers it just
to repay with affliction those who
afflict you,

2 Thessalonians 1:6–8

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and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

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in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

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The Relief of the Saints in Light

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to repay with affliction those who
afflict you,

2 Thessalonians 1:6–7

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and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers,
by the mercies of God, to present
your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which
is your spiritual worship.

Romans 12:1

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Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Romans 12:17–21

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If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.

Romans 12:17–21

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Beloved, never avenge yourselves,
but leave it to the wrath of God,
for it is written, "Vengeance is
mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Romans 12:17–21

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To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head."

Romans 12:17–21

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Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:17–21

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The Judgment of God on Unbelievers

when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 1:7–8

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They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,

2 Thessalonians 1:9

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The Glory Yet to be Revealed

when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

2 Thessalonians 1:10

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Praying in Light of the Promises

**May God Make You Worthy of His
Calling**

To this end we always pray for you,
that our God may make you
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Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall.

2 Peter 1:10

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**May God Fulfill Every Resolve for
Good**

To this end we always pray for you,
that our God may make you
worthy of his calling and may fulfill
every resolve for good...

2 Thessalonians 1:11

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And in this regard we pray for you
always, that our God will make you
worthy of his calling and fulfill by
his power your every desire for
goodness and every work of faith,

2 Thessalonians 1:11

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**May God Fulfill Every Work of
Faith**

To this end we always pray for you,
that our God may make you
worthy of his calling and may fulfill
every resolve for good and every
work of faith by his power,

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For we are his workmanship,
created in Christ Jesus for good
works, which God prepared
beforehand, that we should walk in
them.

Ephesians 2:10

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**May God's Glory Extend Over All
of Life**

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so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Christ's Glory in Our Lives.

“When we glorify God, we are not giving Him something substantial that He would not otherwise have. We are simply ascribing to Him what is HIS.”

—D.A. Carson.

The Saints to be Glorified in Him.

“But when we are glorified, in the sense just described, we are being made more like Him, we are being strengthened or empowered to exhibit characteristics that we would not otherwise display...

—D.A. Carson.

Christ is glorified...as we are glorified, as we are conformed to His likeness... Jesus Christ will be glorified in us on account of what we have become by HIS grace, and we will be glorified in Him on account of what He has done for us."

—D.A. Carson.

**Since Jesus is magnificent, we must give thanks,
rejoice, and pray for God's purposes to be realized
in our lives.**