

**Prayers Of Proper Perspective**  
*“so that in everything he (Jesus Christ)  
might have the supremacy.” Colossians 1:18b NIV*

The Strategic Prayer Initiative believes that more strategic prayer just for prayer’s sake **would be a failure**. Although Biblically-based strategic prayer is often neglected, and should be done, it is not the main objective of the Christian life. God wants His son, Jesus Christ, to be glorified and honored with the supremacy that is rightfully His. Additionally, God wants the church, Christ’s bride, to know and adore Jesus Christ, as He does them.

Therefore we suggest that as you bring your daily strategic prayers before the Lord, that you also lift up your PrayerCord members (including yourself) by praying one of the following four (4) Scriptural prayers directly for them. One of these prayers can be added as part of your daily two minutes of strategic prayer or, at the very least, we ask that you pray one of these prayers for your Cord members once a week. Sunday is a suggested day if praying one of these prayers on a weekly basis. However, if you take the suggestion to pray one of these four (4) prayers for your Cord each day, experience shows that if you do pray these prayers regularly you will find a depth, a richness, and a profundity that is truly sublime i.e. really good stuff! We would also like to encourage you to memorize one or more of these four prayers, making it possible to pray them without the need for this Blue Card. If you do chose to commit one or more of these to memory the Philippians 1:9-11 is the shortest and a great place to start. [Note, if at some time in the future your PrayerCord chooses to advance to the next level of Cords know as a **Triad**, you will be a step ahead of the game. The reason you will be a step ahead is because praying one of these four Pauline prayers for your Cord and yourself daily is part of the enhanced level of Cords know as a Triad.]

**Prayer #1 is the main prayer, you can either just pray Prayer #1, or you can rotate through these four Pauline prayers, using a different prayer during different days, weeks, or months, whatever works best for you. (Prayer #1 is listed on the opposite side of this card)**

**Prayer #2**

**(I) have not stopped praying for \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert the names of your Cord members including yourself, if in a SPI Small Group insert the group members of your gender) and asking (You) God to fill (us) with the knowledge of (Your) will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And (I) pray this in order that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ may live a life worthy of (You) and may please (You) in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of (You), being strengthened with all power according to (Your) glorious might so that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully give thanks to (You) Father, who has qualified (us) to share in the inheritance of the saints [all true Christians\* see back side of this card] in the kingdom of light.**

*Colossians 1:9b-12 NIV*

The following italicized text (Col.1:13-18) is given to help you better understand the context of the above prayer.

*“For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy.”*

*Colossians 1:13-18 NIV*

**Prayer # 3**

**I keep asking that (You) the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert the names of your Cord members including yourself) the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ may know (Christ) better. I pray also that the eyes of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ heart(s) may be enlightened in order that (we) may know the hope to which (you have) called (us), the riches of (Your) glorious inheritance in the saints [all true Christians - \*see back side of this card], and (Your) incomparably great power for us who believe.**

*Ephesians 1:17-19a NIV*

The following italicized text (Eph.1:19b-23) is given to help you better understand the context of the above prayer.

*“That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.”*

*Ephesians. 1:19b-23 NIV*

**Prayer #4**

**And this is my prayer: that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ (Insert the names of your Cord members including yourself) love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.**

*Philippians 1:9-11 NIV*