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MEDITATION AND PRAYER

*I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light
so that you can understand the confident hope he
has given to those he called — his holy people who
are his rich and glorious inheritance.*

*I also pray that you will understand the
incredible greatness of God's power for us
who believe him.*

—Ephesians 1:18-19

While the believers in Ephesus enjoyed the luxuries and wealth of a cosmopolitan city located on major trade routes, Paul was confined to a small room in Rome, under the constant watch of a Roman guard. But who would ever guess from Paul's prayer that he was deprived of anything? Paul's description of God's power does not betray a hint of hopelessness. Instead, Paul speaks of the "confident hope [God] has given to those he called." Paul's future on earth was in the hands of Caesar. Yet Paul's ultimate hopes weren't set on this world; his hopes were set on heaven and eternity.

In your prayers, place your hopes on your eternal inheritance in heaven, just as Paul did. Pray that God might help you understand how powerful he is.

Prayer for the Week

Dear Lord, help me to understand the confident hope you have given to me
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