

PAUL'S PRAYERS IN ROMANS

Theme 1: Praying for the lost to be saved (1:8; 10:1; 15:30)

- **Romans 1:8 – Thanksgiving that the Romans' faith has spread** – *"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world."*
- **Romans 10:1 – Prayer that the Israelites would be saved** – *"Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved."*
- **Romans 15:30 – Asks for prayer that his ministry would be effective** – *"I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf...that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints."*

Theme 2: Praying that the church would gather together in unity (1:8-12; 15:5-6,32)

- **Romans 1:8-12 – That he could gather with the Romans and share in encouragement** – *"First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you—that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."*
- **Romans 15:5-6 – That God would help the Romans to live in harmony with one another** – *"May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."*
- **Romans 15:32 – That God would allow him to come to Rome** – *"so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company."*

Theme 3: Praying for continued growth in the gospel (15:13)

- **Romans 15:13 – That the Roman church would be filled with hope, peace, and joy** – *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."*

Theme 4: Praying for the persecuted church (15:31)

- **Romans 15:31 – That he would be delivered from his persecutors** – *"that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea..."*

Theme 5: Unceasing prayer (1:9-10; 12:12)

- **Romans 1:9-10 – Paul never stopped praying for the Romans** – *"For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you always in my prayers"*
- **Romans 12:12 – Paul tells them to pray constantly** – *"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."*