

THE *Thankful* PRAYERS OF PAUL

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Colossians

Colossians 1:3–14

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- I. **The apostle's gratitude:** The apostle continually thanked the Lord for the praiseworthy qualities of their lives—*Colossians 1:3–8*.

"We always thank God..."	...for their faith in the Lord—1:3–4a
	...for their love for God and people—1:4b
	...for their hope in the certainty of their future with the Lord—1:5–8

Names of those in whom you have seen these qualities expressed:

- II. **The apostle's prayer:** The apostle prayed for the Colossians to continue to have a praiseworthy walk with the Lord—*Colossians 1:9–14*.

"We pray this in order that you may..."	...have a life shaped by God's truth—1:9
	...have a life shaped by God's character—1:10
	...have a life that trusts God in the midst of trials—1:11
	...have a life that embodies thankfulness—1:12
	...have a life free from the enemy's power—1:13
	...have a life that gives thanks for Christ's work on our behalf—1:14

Names of those whose lives you pray will be commendable:
