

I Thank God for You

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy...being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way...since I have you in my heart...All of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you 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 1:3-11, NIV)

Try it. Begin praying for people you know: your family, your friends, those who serve with you at church. Thank God for them. Specifically mention their good qualities. Verbalize what God is doing in and through their lives.

As you do, you'll find your affection for them immeasurably deepened. You'll appreciate them in a way you never have before.

But further, you'll see God forming himself in them. What an incredibly exciting process! Even their annoying qualities will begin to appear as seeds, as promises of virtues not yet fully formed.

Prayer helps us see others through the eyes of Jesus Christ.

*If you care so much for your loved ones,
imagine God's tender and constant concern for them.
He is their Father, Creator, and
Savior, and
His love and patience are infinite.*

Hymn: [Prayer of Intercession](#)