

Seeking Divine Help Acts 4:23–31

An Awesome Privilege

Ability to petition God for assistance

Jesus Prayed - **John 17:1–5**

Church Prayed - **Acts 12:5**

Christians Prayed - **Acts 20:36**

In almost every epistle, Paul mentions either prayer for brethren or request prayer on his behalf.

Many see prayer as way to ask God for favor

Is that Paul's focus in prayer?

Salvation

Knowledge Leading to Salvation - **Romans 10:1–3**

Knowledge for Achieving Salvation - **Ephesians 1:15–23**

Knowledge to Remain True - **Philippians 1:3–11**

Knowledge for Steadfastness - **Colossians 1:9–12**

Strength for Doing Right - **2Corinthians 13:5–10**

Teaching

Boldness for Teaching - **Ephesians 6:18–20**

Spread of Gospel - **2Thessalonians 3:1–5**

Opportunity to Proclaim - **Colossians 4:2–4**

Peace for Godliness and Teaching - **1Timothy 2:1–8**

Glorifying

Peace to Guard - **Philippians 4:4–7**

Glory to God from Righteous Activity - **2Corinthians 9:10–15**

Effective Faith in Action - **Philemon 4–7**

Worthiness to Bring Glory to God - **2Thessalonians 1:11–12**

Our Prayers Need This Also

Healing? Protection? Prosperity? To some degree

Salvation, Teaching, Glory To God Are even more necessary

How many of our prayers are for things that lead to our growth or the spread of Gospel?

Yes, can pray for needs, healing, care; but must also pray as Paul

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