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January 16, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

## ***Paul's Prayer in Philippians 1:9-11***

Paul prayed for the believers in Philippi to abound in love and not to yield to compromise nor cause offense, even in the face of the criticism and persecution that they were enduring (Philippians 1:9-11, 29).

“And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge [of God's heart] and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense [blameless; ESV, NAS, NIV] till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

Philippians 1:9-11

This is an important prayer with prophetic significance in light of Jesus' zeal to lead His people to relate in deep unity as a mature family as the context for the great end-time harvest (John 17:23). While concurrently Satan releases intense accusation against the saints, seeking to fuel a betrayal culture even in the church (Matthew 24:10; Revelation 12:10).

“...that they [the end-time Church] may be made perfect in one, and that the world [the nations] may know that You have sent Me and have loved them [the Church] as You have loved Me.”

John 17:23

“I heard a loud voice saying..., ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom... have come, for the accuser of our brethren [Satan], who accused them... day and night, has been cast down.’”

Revelation 12:10

“And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.”

Matthew 24:10

That love may abound: We pray earnestly that we would “abound in love” in three specific ways. First, we ask the Spirit to cause us to abound in our understanding of God's love for us. Second, that He would cause us to abound in our love for Jesus, and finally to abound in our love for people.

“...the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit...”

Romans 5:5

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This verse started by saying:

”Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:5 NKJV

We trust in Your love Lord. We hope in you, therefore there will be no disappointment and that is because of your investment of love poured out in us!

So to abound in this, Your love is our desire!