

Forerunners for Christ Los Angeles

January 1, 2024 – Praying the Apostolic Prayers – Erlinda Cruz

The Bride Will Cry Prayers to Shift and Change History

In the next few months, we will be praying through the Apostolic Prayers of Paul. My prayer is for us to meditate on these scriptures and make them come alive in our hearts. Get a living revelation of what they mean, the power of God’s investment in us through Christ Jesus our Lord. Let us discover the benefits expressed and thought through these prayers. Most of these prayers tells us who God is, who we are in Him, and what we are invested in.

I pray we live a life sustained by the power of the Holy Spirit, a life of power in His presence, having confidence in who we are called to be now, tomorrow, and forever. We will be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Paul’s Prayer in Ephesians 1:17-20

Paul’s one general prayer here is that the Father would give His people increased understanding of the knowledge of God so that they would experience three expressions of His glory—the hope of His calling, the glory of being God’s inheritance, and walking in the power of God.

“[I pray]...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding [heart] being enlightened; that you may know [by experience] what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power which He worked in Christ when He raised Him...and seated Him at His right hand.”

Ephesians 1:17-20

1. To walk in confidence (hope) related to God’s calling—His “assignment” for our life.
2. To know who we are to God as His inheritance—how He sees us and feels about us.
3. To experience God’s power in our life—in our mind, heart, circumstances, and ministry.

Paul had just outlined aspects of God’s glory referred as “spiritual blessings” (Eph. 1:3-14). This is one of the most comprehensive statements in the Bible describing how God lavishes grace upon His people. The Father chose His people to enjoy the exalted position of being His adopted children.

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“...the Father...who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us... having predestined us to adoption as sons... In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...”

Ephesians 1:3-8

Today being the first day of the year, let us allow these verses to “MARK” us and carry us through this year’s journey. Start to meditate and get a revelation as to what the Spirit of God is saying to us.