***Paul’s Prayer to the Colossians***

”We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints;

* For this reason we also, since the day we heard it,
* do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;
* that you may walk worthy of the Lord,
* fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work
* and increasing in the knowledge of God;
* strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power,
* for all patience and longsuffering with joy;
* giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.
* He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
* in whom we have redemption through His blood,
* the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God,
* the firstborn over all creation.
* For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth,
* visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers.
* All things were created through Him and for Him.
* And He is the head of the body, the church,
* who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
* that in all things He may have the preeminence.“

Colossians 1:3-4, 9-16, 18 NKJV