***Paul’s Prayer to the Thessalonians***

”We give thanks to God always for you all,

* making mention of you in our prayers,
* remembering without ceasing your work of faith,
* labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, —knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.
* For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power,
* and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance,
* as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.“

I Thessalonians 1:2-5 NKJV

”We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly,

* and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other,
* so that we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your patience and
* faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that you endure,
* which is manifest evidence of the righteous judgment of God,
* that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God,
* for which you also suffer; since it is a righteous thing with God to repay with tribulation those who trouble you, and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels,“

II Thessalonians 1:3-7 NKJV