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Apostolic Prayers: Calling for Reformation

In the past few weeks, we have shared the prayers of Paul to the churches. My hope through this prayer is for us to gain an attitude of prayer in the end times to pray more for the church, for the bride of Jesus to be ready, and for the hastening of the return of Christ our Bridegroom King and Judge.

My prayer is that as people of God growing in grace and in understanding, we may depart from just praying for material resources, but to follow the apostolic prayers of Paul most expediently for the church and for believers.

In summary, let me point to us the essence of the apostolic prayers we have been praying for in the past few weeks.

Paul ceased not to mention the churches in his prayer. In most of his prayers, we see him say this, telling us, exemplifying to us, that it is imperative we not stop praying for the church in general and in particular, like our community and our local churches in our area, including the greater body of believers globally.

Paul's prayer was aimed at thanksgiving for growth in faith. "We... thank God for you," he says, "...because your faith is growing more and more" (v. 3). The Thessalonians are growing in their faith, not satisfied by yesterday's attainments, but stretching upward in spiritual maturity and for this, Paul gives thanks. - *Excerpt from DA Carson's book on the prayer of Paul.*

(To be continued.)