

March 19, 2023

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Notes



## My Prayer

Ephesians 3:14-21 (NIV)

*For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.*

*Ephesians 3:14-15 (NIV)*

### Prayer # 1

*I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.*

*Ephesians 3:16-17a (NIV)*

Paul \_\_\_\_\_ for spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ so that \_\_\_\_\_ gets all of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Prayer # 2

*And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV)*

Paul prays for spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ so that \_\_\_\_\_ get

all of \_\_\_\_\_.

*For in Christ the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness.*

*Colossians 2:9-10b (NIV)*

We all want to be filled up to the fullness of God. The only way it will happen is if we pursue him. If we pray for him to strengthen us with power by his spirit by the inner man, Christ will be at home in each room of our heart. If Christ occupies our heart, we will have a confidence and security in his love for us. If we have such confidence and security, we are able to love others. This ability to know God's love and thus love others leads to the fullness of God in us. His presence, his power, his love, his life inhabit us. We participate fully in his kingdom on earth."

Max Anders – Holman New Testament Commentary

### Conclusion

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*

*Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)*

## What's Coming Up:

**Sisterhood Book Club** – Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to noon  
"Hidden Places" by Lynn Austin

**Community Easter Egg Hunt** – Saturday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 10:00am to noon

**Lunch & Movie Day** – Friday March 31<sup>st</sup> 11:30am to 3:00pm  
This month's movie is "A Man Called Otto" starring Tom Hanks.

For more information, to register, or volunteer go to <https://www.southsub.church/upcomingevents>

## Answers:

Paul prays for spiritual strength so that God gets all of us.

Paul prays for spiritual knowledge and experience so that we get all of God.