

COLOSSIANS 1:9-14

New International Version

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,^[a] ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God,¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you^[b] to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

International Standard Version

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about this, we have not stopped praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the full knowledge of God's^[a] will with respect to all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so that you might live in a manner worthy of the Lord and be fully pleasing to him^[b] as you bear fruit while doing all kinds of good things and growing in the full knowledge of God. ¹¹ You are being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might, so that you might patiently endure everything with joy¹² and might thank the Father, who has enabled us^[c] to share in the saints' inheritance in the light. ¹³ God^[d] has rescued us from the power of darkness and has brought us into the kingdom of the Son whom he loves,¹⁴ through whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Be assured that from the first day we heard of you, we haven't stopped praying for you, asking God to give you wise minds and spirits attuned to his will, and so acquire a thorough understanding of the ways in which God works. We pray that you'll live well for the Master, making him proud of you as you work hard in his orchard. As you learn more and more how God works, you will learn how to do *your* work. We pray that you'll have the strength to stick it

out over the long haul—not the grim strength of gritting your teeth but the glory-strength God gives. It is strength that endures the unendurable and spills over into joy, thanking the Father who makes us strong enough to take part in everything bright and beautiful that he has for us.

The Passion Translation

⁹ Since we first heard about you, we've kept you always in our prayers that you would receive the perfect knowledge of God's pleasure^[a] over your lives, making you reservoirs of every kind of wisdom and spiritual understanding. ¹⁰ We pray that you would walk in the ways of true righteousness, pleasing God in every good thing you do. Then you'll become fruit-bearing branches, yielding to his life, and maturing in the rich experience of knowing God in his fullness! ¹¹ And we pray that you would be energized with all his explosive power from the realm of his magnificent glory, filling you with great hope.^[b]

¹² *Your hearts can soar with joyful gratitude* when you think of how God made you worthy to receive the glorious inheritance freely given to us by living in the light.^[c] ¹³ He has rescued us completely from the tyrannical rule^[d] of darkness and has translated us into the kingdom realm of his beloved Son. ¹⁴ For in the Son all our sins are canceled and we have the release of redemption *through his very blood*.