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# Bible Study:

## Ephesians 3:14-21

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## A Prayer for the Ephesians

14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. 16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,



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**17** so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, **18** 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, **19** and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.



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**20** 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, **21** to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.





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# Discovery Question

## #1

What lessons about God and prayer can we learn from apostle Paul's intercession for the believers in Ephesus?

- a. about God
- b. what do we need to pray for
- c. how God works through us and for us

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# Understanding Question

#1

Paul starts verses 1 and 14 of Chapter 3 with the phrase “for this reason...”  
What was Paul's reason why he could come to God and pray for the believers in Ephesus?



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# Understanding Question

#2

Verse 14 describes the manner by which Paul prayed, "...I kneel before the Father." Why is kneeling an important gesture for Israel, Jesus and his disciples, and the first century Christians?

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# Understanding Question

#3

Look closely at verse 20. How does this change your attitude towards prayer knowing that you have full access to God's unlimited spiritual resources?



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# Application Question

#1

While the posture of our heart is more important than the position of our bodies, our heart's attitude often yearns to express it in physical ways. When was the last time you literally knelt down to pray? Is the practice of this discipline still necessary today?



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# Application Question

#2

How does Paul's prayer challenge the manner in which you pray? Assess what you usually pray for your fellow believers, and then compare with Paul's prayer items in the passage. Identify the similarities and differences.



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# Application Question

## #3

What specific things can you now pray for your family, especially those in the household of faith, in the light of what we have discussed about the passage thus far?



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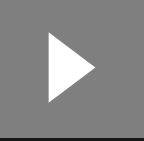
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# Closing Prayer



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