

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world. God, whom I serve with my whole heart in preaching the gospel of his Son, is my witness how constantly I remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; and I pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you.



11 long to see you so that | may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong- 12that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith. 13 do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I planned many times to come to you (but have been prevented from doing so until now) in order that I might have a harvest among you, just as I have had among the other Gentiles.

Romans 1:11-13

Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.....

³⁷ Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes,' and your No,' 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

Matthew 5:33,37



1. Thankful for your faith.

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world.

Romans 1:8



And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

Hebrews 11:6



²It is my (King Nebuchadnezzar) pleasure to tell you about the miraculous signs and wonders that the Most High God has performed for me.

Daniel 4:2



⁴A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. He was over nine feet tall...¹⁰Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the ranks of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." ¹¹On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

1 Samuel 17:4, 10-11



David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him." ³³ Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a boy, and he has been a fighting man from his youth."

1 Samuel 17:32-33



34 But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, 35 went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. 36 Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. 37 The LORD who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you." 1 Samuel 17:34-37

...And so we came to Rome. ¹⁵The brothers there had heard that we were coming, and they traveled as far as the Forum of Appius and the Three Taverns to meet us. At the sight of these men Paul thanked God and was encouraged.

Acts 28:14b-15

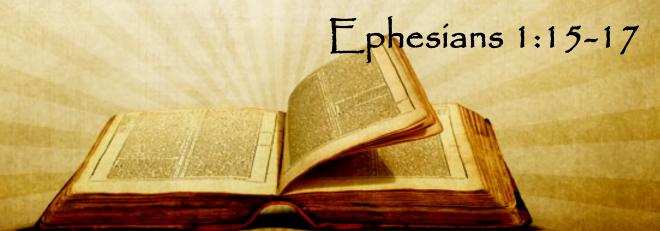


- 1. Thankful for your faith.
- 2. Constantly praying for you.

how constantly | remember you 10 in my prayers at all times; Romans 1:9b-10a



15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, 16 have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.



²We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. ³We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3



- 1. Thankful for your faith.
- 2. Constantly praying for you.
- 3. Long to see you.

| pray that now at last by God's will the way may be opened for me to come to you. | | long to see you so that | may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong— Romans 1:10b-11

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Romans 1:13



21 But as he left, he promised, "I will come back if it is God's will." Then he set sail from Ephesus.

Acts 18:21

19 But | will come to you very soon, if the Lord is willing,

1 Corinthians 4:19



- 1. Thankful for your faith.
- 2. Constantly praying for you.
- 3. Long to see you.
- 4. Mutually encourage Each Other.

by each other's faith. Romans 1:12

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. ²⁵ Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:23-25





themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42



² The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy 1 John 1:2-4 complete.