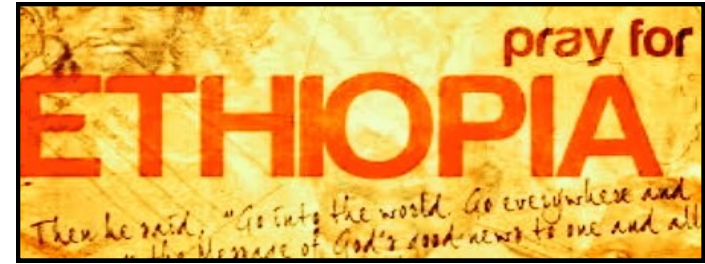


How can we pray for one another this week? How can we pray for Nate and Joel?



Colossians 4:2-4

*Sermon*  
*Notes*

March 8, 2020

1. How are we to pray?

A. Devotedly

B. Keeping alert

C. With thanksgiving

2. What should we pray for?

A. An open door for God's Word

B. Clarity and boldness for those who proclaim God's Word

### Quotes to Ponder

*What good is an open door if no one has the courage of the clarity to go through it and speak? And what good is courage and clarity if all the doors are slammed shut on the people who need the word?*

*Therefore pray, pray, pray.*

John Piper

*By prayer I can go anytime, anywhere to support the work of God.*

Ray Pritchard

*As it is a cobbler's job to mend shoes, so it is a Christian's job to pray!*

Martin Luther

*Prayer is the link that connects us with God. It is the bridge that spans every gulf and bears us over every abyss of danger or of need.*

A.B. Simpson

*O God, make us desperate, and grant us faith and boldness to approach Your throne and make our petitions known, knowing that in doing we link arms with omnipotence and become instruments of Your eternal purposes being fulfilled on this earth.*

Nancy Leigh DeMoss

*God suspends His work on our prayers not because He can't do it alone but because our prayers highlight our dependence and His supply. We are humbled as dependent and He is exalted as depended upon! Not only does He get the glory for being depended upon but we get the gladness for being dependent!*

Sam Storms

1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?
2. How should we pray according to *Colossians 4:2*? What does each instruction mean?
3. What do *Colossians 1:3* and *3:15* tell us about Paul's view of thankfulness? When is he thankful? What is he thankful for?
4. Read *Colossians 4:3-4*. What should we pray for?

**Itinerary (all times Pacific Daylight Savings Time/Ethiopia is 10 hours ahead)**

- March 12 — Leave Medford at 11:04 am, fly through Los Angeles, Frankfurt, and arrive in Addis March 13th, 11:40 a.m.
- March 14 — Travel to Nazret and attend graduation ceremony
- March 15 — Preach in local church
- March 16-20 — Teach systematic theology and leadership in Nazret (10:30 pm to 3:30 am)
- March 21 — Travel to Ziway and attend graduation ceremony
- March 22 — Preach in local church
- March 23-27 — Teach systematic theology and leadership in Ziway (10:30 pm to 3:30 am)
- March 28 — Possibly attend graduation in Shashamene (near Awassa), travel to Addis to catch flight home (1:50 pm). Fly through Frankfurt, San Francisco, and arrive in Medford March 29, 4:10 p.m.

Detailed prayer guide available in foyer

Who opens doors for God's Word? Why is this important?

Will you pray for Nate and the rest of the team in Ethiopia?

What is *the mystery of Christ (Colossians 4:3)*?

For what does Paul need clarity (*Colossians 4:4*)?

5. What does Paul ask for in the following verses? Why?

*Romans 15:30-32* —

*Philippians 1:19* —

*2 Corinthians 1:11* —

*1 Thessalonians 5:25* —

*Ephesians 6:19* —

*2 Thessalonians 5:25* —

