

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE EPHESIANS

Ephesians 1:15–23

Key Verse: 1:17–18a

1. What had Paul heard about these Ephesians (15), and what does this tell us about them? How and why does he describe his prayers for them (16), and what can we learn from him?
2. Think about Paul's expression "the Father of glory" (17a; cf. 1:6,12,14); why do you think he highlights this? What is his first prayer request for them (17b–18a), and how is this different from the way we tend to pray for others? Why is having the Spirit's enlightenment so important?
3. What specific things does Paul pray they may know (18b–19), and why do we all need to know these things? How can we pray more like Paul for others?
4. How does Paul say God worked his great might (19b–23)? What truths can we find here about Jesus and his church?