

A Prayer for the Church

Ephesians 3:14–15 (ESV)

**For this reason I bow my knees before
the Father, from whom every family in
heaven and on earth is named,**

Ephesians 3:16-17a (ESV)

**that according to the riches of his
glory he may grant you to be
strengthened with power through his
Spirit in your inner being, so that
Christ may dwell in your hearts
through faith**

Ephesians 3:17b–19a (ESV)

**that you, being rooted and grounded
in love, may have strength to
comprehend with all the saints what is
the breadth and length and height and
depth, and to know the love of Christ
that surpasses knowledge,**

Ephesians 3:19b (ESV)

**that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God.**

Ephesians 3:20-21 (ESV)

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

THE POSTURE OF PRAYER (vss. 14-15)

Kneeling—not normal for Jews
Profound emotion

A PRAYER FOR STRENGTH

(vv. 16, 17a)

Derived from God's wealth
Agency of the Holy Spirit

A PRAYER FOR LOVE (vv. 17b-19a)

Prayer for a lifestyle of love

Prayer for believers to understand the
Love of Christ

Prayer to know the experiential love of
Christ

A PRAYER FOR FULLNESS (v. 19b)

High theology leads to High Praise=
Doxology

1. For strength
2. For love
3. For fullness

Invitation