

A Prayer for Transformation | Winter 2026

A prayer guide for Philippians 1:9-11 emphasizing the renewal of church members.

"And this I pray, that your love may overflow still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may discover the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, for the glory and praise of God." Phil 1:9-11 NIV

Praise

Father, we praise you and thank you for your perfect love that has been demonstrated to us. We praise you that you desire our love to grow and overflow in true knowledge and all discernment.

Jesus, we praise you for making it possible for us to be sincere and blameless. We thank you that through you, we are filled with the fruit of righteousness, allowing our lives to bring you glory and praise. We acknowledge that through Christ, our lives are changed from the old self to the new self, reflecting God's character.

Holy Spirit, we praise you for dwelling richly within us, transforming us into the likeness of Jesus and doing the slow work of transforming our hearts. Thank you that you empower us to bear the fruit of righteousness and to live lives that bring glory to God. We praise you that you are at work within us.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Thank you for your love, Father, that enables us to love others with a deeper understanding when....
- Jesus, we praise you for filling us with the fruit of righteousness, especially as we see it manifest in....
- Holy Spirit, we thank you for your transformative work within us, making us more like Jesus, which we have seen when....

Requests

Father, we pray that our love, as church members, may overflow "still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment". Help us to apply this love practically in our daily lives and interactions within the community and beyond. We confess that we often react, judge, and jump to conclusions instead of being clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, and we ask for your forgiveness. Continue to work in us, transforming us into the

likeness of your Son, so that the world might see our true longing for purpose, meaning, and a relationship with you.

Lord, help us, your church members, to "discover the things that are excellent," guiding our priorities and actions in accordance with your will. We ask that you enable us to "be sincere and blameless for the day of Christ", living with integrity and purity.

Holy Spirit, we pray that we would be "filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ". This fruit, we know, comes from remaining in Christ, as apart from Him we can do nothing. Transform us so that we have abundant grace toward others, forgiving one another as you have forgiven us. Work in us so we reflect your character to our families, neighbors, coworkers, and those in our church. Help us to be kind, humble, and gentle. Grant us wisdom and Spirit-taught words as we teach and admonish one another. We pray that through our words and deeds, we would be a witness to those around us of you and your incredible love. Open our eyes to your leading, even in new and unexpected directions.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- God, help our love to overflow in greater knowledge and discernment in our interactions with....
- As you are transforming us, help us to become more like you in embodying (a specific characteristic from Colossians 3:12-17, such as compassion, kindness, or patience) when....
- Transform us to be a witness for you to (specific individuals or groups within the church or community) through sincerity and blamelessness because....
- Help us to realize that apart from the Spirit, we can't bear true fruit of righteousness in....

Closing

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, who is at work within us, Amen.

