



**June 21, 2026**

Philippians 1:3-11 (NLT) - *Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

*So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.*

*I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*

**Learning #1: Grateful people have better relationships.**

Philippians 1:3 (NLT) - *Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.*

**Learning #2: Praying for the people in your life helps make you more grateful.**

Philippians 1:4 (NLT) - *Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy...*

**Learning #3: Love will continue to grow when we pray for people.**

Philippians 1:9 (NLT) - I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

1 John 3:16 (NLT) - *We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

Philippians 1:10-11 (NLT) - *For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*