

“How to Pray for the Church”

Sunday, June 6, 2021, 10:30 a.m.

Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI

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1 Thessalonians 3:11-13

BIG IDEA: Pray for the/our Church!

“May he make your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Amen.”

1 Thessalonians 3:13 (CSB)



Pray for genuine fellowship within the Church. (v11)

- Affirm God’s sovereignty over the Church.
- Affirm our affinity for the Church.



Pray for abundant love within the Church. (v12)

- Cultivate the quantity of your love.
- Cultivate the quality of your love.



Pray for personal purity within the Church. (v13)

- Pursue personal purity as an act of integrity.
- Pursue personal purity as an act of accountability.

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THINK: Pray along with Paul here in these verses, then ask yourself these questions: *When was the last time you prayed for WBC? What was the last thing you prayed about for WBC? Who can you purposefully build a relationship within the fellowship? What is your “love quotient” right now? High? Medium? Low? What would it look like for someone to follow your example of love right now? Who within the fellowship can you demonstrate love for this week? Who outside the fellowship can you demonstrate love for this week? Be vulnerable and accountable and share one way God wants to make your “heart blameless in holiness”? In the matter of personal purity and holiness, how do you expect Jesus will find you at His appearing?*

DO: Share with at least one other person one or more of Paul’s prayer requests you want them to pray for on your behalf.