

III. PRAY CONFIDENTLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

A. God is all powerful (3:20).

“Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,” Ephesians 3:20

“Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You.”
Jeremiah 32:17

“For with God nothing will be impossible.” Luke 1:37

B. God deserves all praise (3:21).

“to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” Ephesians 3:21

“I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people.” Psalm 35:18

*“15 Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name.
16 But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”*
Hebrews 13:15-16

LET’S ALL BE STRONGER TOGETHER IN PRAYER

“Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”
Ecclesiastes 4:12

STRONGER TOGETHER

Based On The Book Of Ephesians

Stronger Together In Prayer

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INTRODUCTION

A. Health pandemic, Social strife. Political division. Everywhere you look, the world is in trouble and experiencing hard times. The good news is we have the hope that people are searching for, and it’s only found in Jesus. We must tell and show our community that we are stronger together through Jesus!

“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” Ephesians 6:10

B. Drawing from the book of Ephesians the Stronger Together Teaching Series will help you thrive in uncertainty and flourish as one. You will discover how we can be stronger together in a world gripped by chaos. The messages include:

Oct 4	Stronger Together In Jesus
Oct 11	Stronger Together In Reconciliation
TODAY	Stronger Together In Prayer
Oct 25	Stronger Together In Unity
Nov 1	Stronger Together In Purity
Nov 8	Stronger Together In Humility
Nov 15	Stronger Together In Victory

C. **TEXT:** Ephesians 3:13-21 (Pew Bible/Page 197/New Test.)

Ephesians includes two prayers given by Paul:

- The first prayer is for enlightenment (1:15-23).
- The second prayer is for enablement (3:13-21).

STRONGER TOGETHER IN PRAYER

I. PRAY UNSELFISHLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

A. Paul's concern in prayer was others.

"Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory." Ephesians 3:13

"Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others." Philippians 2:4

B. Paul's posture in prayer was kneeling .

*"14 For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,"* Ephesians 3:14-15

1. The most important thing about prayer is not the position of your body, but the condition of your heart.

*"1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear.
2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear."* Isaiah 59:1-2

2. At times you should kneel in prayer.

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker." Psalm 95:6

- Solomon knelt before the altar (I Kings 8:54).
- Daniel knelt and prayed with his windows wide open towards Jerusalem (Daniel 6:10).
- Jesus knelt in the Garden Of Gethsemene (Luke 22:41).
- Paul and the Ephesian elders knelt in prayer together (Acts 20:35-36).

II. PRAY SPECIFICALLY FOR ONE ANOTHER

"16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man,

17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:16-19

A. Request #1: Pray For Power (3:16).

"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man," Ephesians 3:16

"Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day." II Corinthians 4:16

B. Request #2: Pray For Love.

"17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height—

19 to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge;..."

Ephesians 3:17-19a

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

C. Request #3: Pray For Growth.

"... that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:19b

"till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;"

Ephesians 4:13