

Pray through Colossians (adapted from the NLT)

for a family member/friend/group/etc:

1:3-5 Lord, I/we lift up _____ to You and I/we give thanks to You, "Father of our Lord Jesus Christ," because of _____'s faith in Christ and his/her love for all of God's people, which comes from his/her confident hope of what God has reserved for him/her in heaven. Thank You that _____ has had this expectation ever since he/she first heard the truth of the Good News.

1:9-14 God I/we ask You to give _____ a complete knowledge of Your will and to give _____ spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way that _____ lives will always honour and please You Lord and produce every kind of good fruit while he/she grows to know You better and better.

I/We also pray that _____ will be strengthened with all Your glorious power so he/she will have all the endurance and patience that he/she needs. May _____ be filled with joy, always thanking You Father, who has enabled him/her to share in the inheritance that belong to God's people who live in the light.

Thank You God for rescuing _____ from the kingdom of darkness and transferring him/her into the Kingdom of Your dear Son, who purchased _____'s freedom and forgave his/her sins.

1:15, 17, 19-20 May _____ know that You Jesus, are the visible image of the invisible God and that You existed before anything was created. May _____ know that Jesus made the things we can and cannot see and that all things were created through Jesus and for Jesus! May _____ know that God was pleased to have all His fullness live in Christ; and through Christ. That God reconciled everything to Himself making peace with everything in heaven and on earth through Christ's blood shed on the cross.

1:21-23 Even though _____ was once far away from God, separated by his/her evil thoughts and actions, I/we thank You God that You have reconciled him/her to Yourself through the death of Christ. Thank you that You have brought _____ into your presence and that he/she stands holy and blameless before You. May _____ continue to believe this truth and stand in it firmly. May he/she not drift away from the assurance of the Good News.

1:28-29 May _____ tell others about Christ, warning them and teaching them with all the wisdom God has given him/her. May _____ work hard at this, depending on Christ's mighty power that works within him/her.

2:2-4 May _____ be encouraged and knit together with other believers by strong ties of love. May he/she have complete confidence to understand God's mysterious plan, which is Christ himself, in whom lie all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

May _____ not be deceived with well-crafted arguments.

2:6-7 As _____ has accepted Christ Jesus as his/her Lord, may he/she continue to follow Him. May his/her roots grow down into Christ, and may his/her life be built on Him. Then _____'s faith will grow strong in the truth he/she was taught, and he/she will overflow with thankfulness.

2:8-10 May no one capture _____ with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world. For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. So may _____ know he/she is complete through his/her union with Christ who is the head over every ruler and authority.

2:11a-14 Thank you God that you 'cut away' _____'s sinful nature. *For _____ was buried with Christ in **baptism**** and then raised to new life because he/she trusted the mighty power of God who raised Christ from the dead.

Lord, _____ was dead in his/her sins because his/her sinful nature was not yet cut away. So thank you God that You made _____ alive with Christ, and forgave all his/her sin. Jesus You cancelled the record of charges against _____ and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

**the person you are praying for has not necessarily been baptized (yet)!*

3:1-4 Since _____ has been raised to new life in Christ may _____ set his/her sights on the realities of heaven, where Christ sits in the place of honour at God's right hand.

May _____ think about the things of heaven, not the things of earth. For _____ died to this life, and his/her real life is hidden with Christ in God. And when Christ is revealed to the whole world, may _____ share in all His glory.

3:5-11 So may _____ put to death the sinful earthly things lurking within him/her. May he/she have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. May he/she not be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world. May _____ get rid of anger, rage, malicious behaviour, slander, and dirty language. May he/she not lie to others for he/she has taken off his/her old sinful nature and all its wicked deeds. May _____ put on his/her new nature, and be renewed as he/she learns to know his/her creator and become like him. In this new life for _____, may Christ be what ultimately matters and may Jesus live in him/her more and more!

3:12-15 Thank You God for choosing _____ to be one of the holy people You love. May _____ clothe himself/herself with tenderhearted mercy, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. May _____ make allowance for other's faults, and may he/she forgive others who offend him/her. May _____ remember that the Lord forgave him/her, so he/she must forgive others. Above all, may _____ clothe himself/herself in love, which binds everyone together in perfect harmony. And may the peace that comes from Christ rule in _____'s heart. For as a member of one body, _____ is called to live in peace and thankfulness always.

3:16-17 May the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill _____'s life. May _____ be open to teaching and counselling from his/her Christian community with all the wisdom Christ gives. May he/she sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with a thankful heart. And whatever _____ does or says, may he/she do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

3:23-25 May _____ work willingly at whatever he/she does, as though he/she were working for the Lord rather than for people. May _____ remember that the Lord will give him/her an inheritance as his/her reward, and that the Master he/she is serving is Christ. But remind _____ if he/she does what is wrong, he/she will be paid back for the wrong he/she has done. For God has no favourites.

4:2-6 May _____ devote himself/herself to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. May _____ pray for his/her friends and family that God will give them many opportunities to speak about His mysterious plan concerning Christ. May _____ live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. Let _____'s conversations be gracious and attractive so that he/she will have the right response for everyone.

4:12, 18b May God make _____ strong and perfect, fully confident that he/she is following the whole will of God.

May God's grace be with _____ , AMEN!