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1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)

Encourage Others

What keeps you going? Why do you keep on loving, following and serving me? You keep me going. You have made me able to keep on loving, following and serving you. Without your help, I would have turned back long ago. You have strengthened my faith as I have served you. You have helped me to see that your hand has been on me as I have served you. Your love has prompted my labor. **How so?** Because you first loved me, I now love you. I am living in an ongoing love relationship with you. Whatever I have done, am doing or will do, is because I love you. I want to do what pleases you. I want to serve you in whatever way I am able. Every day as I follow you I am filled with hope. I can see that you are guarding and guiding my life. I know that you are leading me to where you want me to go to do what you want me to do. You are making me able to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, I am.**

I am with you to help you. I will strengthen your faith. I will fan the flame of your love for me. I will fill you with hope that will give you strength to endure. I have no doubt about these things. **That's good. I do have a question for you.** What's that? **Are you alone in your journey of faith?** No, I am not. You are with me. **Is anyone else with you?** I'm not sure what you are asking me. **Have I placed anyone in your life who has spurred you on in your faith?** Yes, you have placed people in my life that have helped my faith and love and hope in you to grow strong. **Who are they? What are their names? What have they done for you? I want you to think deeply about these questions. Remember these people in your prayers. Do for them, what they have done for you. Spur others on in their faith. Show others my love. Encourage others in their faith. You have received many blessings from others. Give to others the blessings you have received from me. Will you do this do me? Will you do this for others?** Yes Lord, I will. **That will be very good.**

Lord, thank you for the people you have brought into my life. Their faith has grown mine. They have shown me your love. Their example has given me hope and spurred me on to keep on loving, following and serving you. I will continue to pray for them. Amen

Gratitude *For All Of You*

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NIV 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We always thank God for all of you and pray for you constantly. As we pray to our God and Father about you, we think of your faithful work, your loving deeds, and the enduring hope you have because of our Lord Jesus Christ.

NLT 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

NRSV 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We are ever giving thanks to God for all of you, continually mentioning [you when engaged] in our prayers, Recalling unceasingly before our God and Father your work energized by faith and service motivated by love and unwavering hope in [the return of] our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah).

AMP 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We give thanks to God always for all of you, making mention of you in our prayers; constantly bearing in mind your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father,

NASB 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

ESV 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For You All*

We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,

NKJV 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For You*

Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father.

MSG 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For You*

We always thank God for you and pray for you constantly. We never forget your loving deeds as we talk to our God and Father about you, and your strong faith and steady looking forward to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

TLB 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

Gratitude *For All Of You*

We always thank God for all of you and mention you when we pray. We continually recall before God our Father the things you have done because of your faith and the work you have done because of your love. And we thank him that you continue to be strong because of your hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

NCV 1Thessalonians 1:2-3

For All Of You

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Gratitude – 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

In Context: *Read 1 Thessalonians 1*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Who do you thank God for on a regular basis?

When are you making time to pray for those for whom you are so thankful?

What prayers have you been praying for people for whom you are so thankful?

How has your work for the Lord grown right alongside your faith in Him?

How has your labor for the Lord been prompted by your love for Him?

How has your endurance in serving the Lord been inspired by your hope in Him?

Who needs your prayers so they will grow in faith, deepen in love, and endure in their hope in the Lord?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Continually pray for others so that their faith, love and hope in the Lord will continue to grow.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that the Lord will guide you to pray for others so that their faith, love and hope in Him will continue to grow.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has guided you to pray for others.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you continue to pray for others so that their faith, love and hope in the Lord will continue to grow.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, guide my prayers for others so that their faith, love and hope in you will continue to grow.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, who can I pray for so that their faith, love and hope in you will continue to grow?
