

*For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NIV)*

## Remembering Prayer

That is what I will do. That is what I want to do. That is what I will not fail to do. **What will you do? What do you want to do? What will you not fail to do?** I will give thanks for the fellow believers that you have brought into my life. **Why is that?** Where would I be without the encouragement I have received from my fellow believers? **That is a very good question. That is a question you should reflect on and deeply consider.** Now, I want to ask you why is that? **Have I not spurred you on in your faith by the fellow believers I have brought into your life? Have I not picked you up off the carpet by the encouragement you have received from others?** Yes, you have spurred me on, and picked me up by the encouragement I have received from fellow believers. There is something you have not yet said that I might as well confess up front. I'm sure that you want to have a fuller discussion on this topic. **You are correct.** There is another strong reason why I need to reflect on and deeply consider the encouragement and spurring on I have received from fellow believers. **Yes, there is another very important reason I want you to consider.** Do you want to say it, or do you want me to confess it? **It would be far better for you to confess it.** Alright, here goes. I have been somewhat of a loner. **Somewhat?** Alright, I have kept to myself. I have not shared my life fully with other believers. I have not asked for prayer, nor have I given thanks or prayed for others as fully as I am sure that you have desired. You want me to live and walk in a closer relationship with others. **Yes, I do.** You want me to both make and receive prayers. And the emphasis, at the moment, may be more on my being willing to receive prayer from others. **You think?** Yes, I am beginning to get this into my thick head. You want me to open up to receiving prayer from others. As I am willing to receive prayer from others, I am sure that I will also be more energetic in praying for them as well. **That will be true without a doubt. So, what will you do?** I will do two things. I will ask others how I can pray for them. I will ask others to pray for me. Prayer will become a two-way street in my life. I will make and receive prayers, as I live my life with and before you. **That will be very good. In this way you will continue to both give and receive encouragement as you love, follow and serve me.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I give thanks to you for all the fellow believers you have brought into my life. You have encouraged and spurred me on by their faith. Help me to regularly intercede in prayer for the needs of others. Help me also to welcome and receive prayer from them. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.

NIV Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,

ESV Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Pray For You*

Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,

NLT Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers:

NKJV Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers.

NRSV Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Think Of You*

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the Christians, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks.

MSG Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints (the people of God), I do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers.

AMP Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *I Pray For You*

That is why, ever since I heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and of the love you have for Christians everywhere, I have never stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly,

TLB Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

For this reason I too, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which *exists* among you and your love for all the saints, do not cease giving thanks for you, while making mention of *you* in my prayers;

NASB Ephesians 1:15-16

**Becoming Like Christ** *In My Prayers*

That is why since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, I have not stopped giving thanks to God for you. I always remember you in my prayers,

NCV Ephesians 1:15-16

# In My Prayers

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Ephesians 1:15-16

**In Context:** *Read Ephesians 1*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

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

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. Ephesians 1:15-16 (NIV)

**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)*

How has your faith in Jesus Christ become noticeable to those who are all around you?  
How are you now living a completely different life because of your faith in Jesus Christ?  
How is your faith in the Lord being expressed by your love for Him and others all around you?  
What are you doing for others because of the faith you have in Jesus Christ?

**How are you regularly giving thanks to God for fellow believers He has brought into your life?**

**How are you regularly interceding in prayer for the needs of people that are all around you?**

**How are you sharing your life with others by asking them to intercede in prayer for you?**

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**Living It Out:**

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

Allow the Lord to guide you to give thanks and intercede in prayer for the needs of others.

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**Seeing It Happen:**

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

Have faith that the Lord will guide you to give thanks and intercede in prayer for the needs of others.

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**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 led you to intercede in prayer for others.

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**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you give thanks and intercede in prayer for your fellow believers.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will give thanks and intercede in prayer for fellow believers.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I give thanks and intercede for fellow believers today?*

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