PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Ephesians 3:14-21

For this reason I kneel before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-

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that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:14-21

Prayer for Christian Experience:

- 1) That you are strengthened by the Spirit's power
- 2) That you grasp Christ's love
- 3) That you are filled with the fullness of God

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

Ephesians 3:16-17a

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty.

Zechariah 4:6

Prayer is meant to connect us to divine energy, even as it makes us aware that this energy is not from us.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge.

Ephesians 3:17b-19a

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 2:13

To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy...

Jude 24

...Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6

...It is by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus...

Ephesians 2:5-6

"...And this means that we are never safe, that there is no place where we can hide from God, no place where we are safe from his power to break into and recreate the human heart, because it is just where he seems most helpless that he is most strong, and just where we least expect him that he comes most fully.

For those who believe in God, it means, this birth, that God himself is never safe from us, and maybe that is the dark side of Christmas, the terror of the silence.

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He comes in such a way that we can always turn him down, as we could crack the baby's skull like an eggshell or nail him up when he gets too big for that."

Frederick Buechner

I pray... that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:19b

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...

Ephesians 3:20