



## Scripture for the week of July 18: Ephesians 3:14-21

“<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> 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, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.”

### Sunday, July 18:

**Scripture:** Read above Scripture slowly (even if it is very familiar to you).

**Questions:** What stood out for you as you read this Scripture? Did you recognize it as a prayer? What do you hope to be reminded of as you focus on this Scripture this week? Will you memorize this passage so that you can pray this prayer for yourself and/or others?

**Prayer:** Lord, I pray this over my life. I also agree to pray this over the lives of others. Bring to mind those who need this prayer prayed over their life and help me to be obedient to being consistent in praying for them. As I walk through this week, show me what my heart needs most.

### Monday, July 19:

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:14-15: “<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name.”

**Questions:** Do you kneel before the Father when you pray? If not, are you at least humble and reverent in your heart? Do you realize that you are part of the family of God? Do you recognize that Paul is praying here to the Father of the family to which we are a part? How does that make you feel?

**Prayer:** Lord, sometimes my prayers are rushed and I don’t take the time to prepare my heart before going before You. Change me O Lord so that I will be more humble and reverent when I spend time with You. Teach me this week as I spend time with this prayer, how to deepen my prayer life so that I will be more connected with You.

### Tuesday, July 20:

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:16: “<sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,”

**Questions:** Is this part of the prayer something you desire? That He would strengthen you with power through His Spirit? Do you need Spiritual strength for the work and duty to which you were called? Do you know anyone else you should pray this prayer for?

**Prayer:** Lord, I do desire to be strengthened with power through Your Spirit. Allow me to feel it and to use it where You desire me to do ministry. Open up opportunities for me to pray this prayer for others and to remind them that they too can be strengthened with power.

### Wednesday, July 21:

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:17-18: “<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> 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,”

**Questions:** Isn't this another great thing to pray over your life and someone else's life? Don't you want to have Christ dwell in your heart through faith? Don't you want to be rooted and established in love and to have power to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ for you? Don't you think this would transform your life or another's life?

**Prayer:** Jesus, I want You to dwell in my heart and to increase my faith in You. I also want to be rooted and established in love so that I may have power to grasp how wide, long, high, and deep is Your love for me. I want this to transform my life so much that I will be able to do Your work without hesitation or doubt.

#### **Thursday, July 22:**

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:19: "19 and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."

**Questions:** Do you desire to know God's love for you way beyond what you know or understand? If so, ask Him. Do you want to be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God? If so, ask Him. Do you know someone who would also want this for their life? Volunteer to pray this pray over their life. Don't you think that this is a great prayer for our church?

**Prayer:** Lord God, I am not sure why, but I struggle sometimes knowing the depth of Your love for me. Make that very clear to me this day how much I am loved by You. Let that so consume me that I will be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

#### **Friday, July 22:**

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:20: "20 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,"

**Questions:** Do you truly believe that God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine? Do you see that He can because of His power that is at work within us? Do you understand that this same power is also at work within us? Have you ever seen it at work? Have you tried to exercise it?

**Prayer:** Lord God, I don't know why, but it is hard to comprehend that Your power is at work within me. It is easier to understand that You can do more than I can think or imagine. Open my eyes and heart to what You are trying to teach me through this verse. I do desire to minister with the power that is at work within me.

#### **Saturday, July 23:**

**Scripture:** Read Ephesians 3:21: "21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

**Questions:** Do you see how at the end of this prayer, Paul gives glory to Jesus? Do you do that at the end of your prayers? Don't you think it is a good idea to practice? Don't you believe that Jesus is worthy of our praise and should be glorified? How do you give Jesus praise and glorify His name?

**Prayer:** Remind me and teach me Lord to give you praise and glory more often. It is not that I don't think that You deserve it, it is just that I forget to do it for some reason. I want it to be more a part of my routine when I come to You in prayer and even when I am just saying "Thank You, Lord".