

“THE CHALLENGE TO PRAY”

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5

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Second Thessalonians 3 begins the second (and last) major section of the book, indicated by the word “finally,” which means “the rest.” Paul regularly used this word as he moved from the doctrinal to the practical sections of his letters. Here the apostle Paul was moving from a discussion of the future to the duties of the present, the first of which was prayer.

I. THE REQUEST FOR PRAYER. 1 Thess. 3:1-2a

A. _____ . 3:1a

- *What Christian workers can you pray for today?*

B. _____ . 3:1b-2a

1. Concerning _____ .

- *How are you contributing to the spread of the Lord’s message?*

2. Concerning _____ .

- *How are you at remembering our persecuted brothers & sisters?*
- *When have you felt God’s protection in the middle of a temptation or crisis?*

II. THE REASONS FOR PRAYER. 1 Thess. 3:2b

A. _____ of the message.

B. _____ of the message.

- *Who can you pray for that needs salvation?*

III. THE REASSURANCE THROUGH PRAYER. 1 Thess. 3:3-5

A. Based on the character of the Lord’s _____ . 3:3

B. Based on the confidence in the Lord’s _____ . 3:4

C. Based on the culmination of the Lord’s _____ . 3:5

- *How might the Lord direct your heart into God’s love and Christ’s perseverance?*