

February 15, 2026
I Thessalonians 3:11-13
Say A Little Prayer

Principles And Practical Application

Except the Lord build the house, **Psalm 127:1**.

Model love in a loveless world. Pray without ceasing. Depend totally on the Lord.

The goal of this prayer was to ask the Lord to grant them supernatural strength to be blameless in holiness in the presence of the Father and Son at the Lord Jesus' return. Paul was looking forward to that time of final accounting. Not all will, for example read **I John 2:28**. There will be a final accounting in the presence of the Lord. All believers will stand before Christ at the Bema Seat (Judgement Seat), **II Corinthians 5:10**. All lost at the Great White Throne judgment, **Revelation 20:11-15**.

Paul's pastor's heart was full as he prayed for God's will to be accomplished in the lives of the Thessalonians. Any church today will be equally blessed to have such a prayer warrior standing in the pulpit, one who is committed to the call on his life to be there.

Paul prays that God would clear the way for him to come to the church. In **2:18** Paul wrote about Satan stopping them from coming. Spiritual power was needed to make the way straight. At this time Paul would not make it back to see them. This is derived from **Acts**. However, he may well have passed that way on the occasion one reads about in **Acts 20:1-6**. So, so far as we know he was not permitted to return to them at this time and never did return to them for a significant period of time.

The coming of our Lord with all His saints **v 13**. Parousia, "coming", or, "a presence." Context determines whether this is reference to the Rapture or the Second Coming.

Application:

Paul's prayer requested that God perfect their faith, love, and hope. This embodies how all pastors ought to pray over the people entrusted to their spiritual care. A devotion to prayer will accompany all ministries that are making a significant difference in the lives of the people who make up the church body. This pursuit will naturally overflow into the streets in search of lost souls. When the church grows in these spiritual qualities God is glorified.