

June 1st, 2014

**GOING DEEPER**  
**TEACH US TO PRAY**  
**“A PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH”**

Ephesians 3:14-21

14. For this reason I kneel before the Father,
15. from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name.
16. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
17. so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,
18. may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,
19. and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.
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,
21. to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

1. Compare the content of the prayers we have looked at so far in this series. What are some of the similarities and differences in the Lord's Prayer-Matthew 6:5-13, The Other Lord's Prayer-John 17, and Paul's prayer for the church in Ephesians 3:14-21?

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2. In order to gain a deeper appreciation of the prayer in Ephesians 3, read and study Ephesians 1-3 and Ephesians 4-6. How do you see this prayer fitting in the unfolding message of Ephesians?

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3. Try to be intentional this week and include the prayer requests that we have discovered in the series in your prayers over the next seven days.  
(We will provide a recap of the requests in today's sermon.)