

*Series: Why Pray?*  
**That the Church Might Be Filled with the Fullness of God**  
Ephesians 3:14-21

1. In what ways has this series shifted your perspective on prayer or influenced how you pray? In today's discussion, we want to talk about praying for others. What challenges do you face when praying for others?

2. Read Ephesians 3:14-21. What are your initial impressions of Paul's prayer?

3. In Sunday's message, Pastor Paul began with three observations about prayer (see below). Share how one or more of these "preludes to prayer" may guide your prayer life?

(1) Before you pray, fan the flame.

(2) When you pray, don't ignore your posture.

(3) As you pray, remember to whom you're speaking.

4. In the main body of the prayer, Paul prays first for their **spiritual power** (vss. 16-17).

- What is meant by our *inner being*?
- Since Paul is praying for Christians, what does it mean for Christ to dwell in them?
- What does it mean for Jesus to make Himself at home in every room of your life?

5. Paul prays for their **spiritual apprehension** (vs. 18-19a).

- Why does the Apostle use the analogy of God's multi-dimensional love?
- What does it mean to comprehend the incomprehensible? How does God's love for us transcend knowledge?
- How does praying this for others affect how they may live?

6. Paul prays for their **spiritual fullness** (v. 19b).

- What does it mean to be filled with the fullness of God?
- What does it mean to pray this for others?

7. Paul's prayer is capped with a marvelous doxology (vs. 20-21).

- How does this doxology connect to Paul's prayer?
- In what ways does it encourage what you pray about?