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Gospel Partners

→ THANK THE LORD & PRAY FOR GOSPEL PARTNERS

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

PHILIPPIANS 1:3-5 NIV

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God's Sovereignty

→ **THANK THE LORD FOR HIS SOVEREIGNTY**

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ACTS 4:24 NIV

... in the heavens & throughout eternity

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... in our country

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... in our community

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God's Word

→ THANK THE LORD FOR HIS WORD

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

HEBREWS 4:12 NIV

→ ASK THE LORD FOR DESIRE TO ENGAGE IT

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

PSALM 119:105 NIV

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Bold Witness

→ PRAY FOR CONFIDENCE TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS
OF LIFE FOUND IN JESUS

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. ⁸ So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7-8 NIV

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The Spirit's Power

- INVITE THE SPIRIT TO TRANSFORM US AND MOVE AMONG US
- PRAY FOR INCREASED FAITH IN HIS POWER

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9 NIV

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Unity with Believers

→ ASK FOR A HEART TO LOVE THOSE
DIFFERENT THAN YOU

“By this everyone will know that you are my
disciples, if you love one another.”

JOHN 13:35 NIV

→ PRAY FOR HUMILITY TO CONFESS
& SEEK RESTORATION

Make every effort to live in peace with
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HEBREWS 12:14 NIV

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Generous Living

- ASK GOD TO REVEAL NEEDS AROUND YOU
- PRAY FOR BOLDNESS TO GIVE FREELY

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? ¹⁵ Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. ¹⁶ If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? ¹⁷ In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

JAMES 2:14-17 NIV