# "Prayer for 2013"

"For wicked and deceitful mouths are opened against me, speaking against me with lying tongues...but I give myself to prayer." (Psalm 109:2, 4)

#### To Know God's Will

<u>Colossians 1:9</u> – "And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that <u>you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,</u>

### To Walk God's Way

<u>Colossians 1:10(a)</u> – "so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him..."

#### To Be Fruitful

<u>Colossians 1:10(b)</u> – "...bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God."

# To Have Strength to Endure

Colossians 1:11 – "May you be strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy,"

#### To Be Thankful

Colossians 1:12 — "giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light."

**Key Point: God Hears the Prayers of His Children** 

"Show me Your ways, O LORD; Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You *are* the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day." (Psalm 25:4-5 NKJV)

"The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry." (Psalm 34:15)

"...The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working." (James 5:16)

"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it." (John 14:13-14)

## **Questions:**

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I have something against reciting prayers? (Matt. 6:9)

Are there people I am responsible to pray for? (1 Sam. 12:23)