

## Scripture Reading

Philippians 1:3–6 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. <sup>4</sup> Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, <sup>5</sup> for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

1) Be grateful for them

Philippians 1:3 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God.

2) Pray for them

Philippians 1:4 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,

Philippians 1:9–11 (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. <sup>10</sup> For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. <sup>11</sup> May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

### **Pray that they will...**

a) Grow in love

Philippians 1:9a (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more,...

b) Make wise choices

Philippians 1:9b (NLT)

<sup>9</sup> .... and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

c) Live with integrity

Philippians 1:10b (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> .... so that you may live pure and blameless lives...

d) Become more like Jesus

Philippians 1:11b (NLT)

<sup>11</sup> .... the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ...

3) Believe in them

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

<sup>6</sup> being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.