

"I have YOU in my Prayers"
How to Increase Your Joy...
Philippians 1:3-11

This is a MODEL prayer for us to follow as we pray for others. Paul writes that he always prays BECAUSE:

1. I have you ON my mind – v. 3.

"I thank My God every time I remember (think of) you" with JOY.

- In ALL my prayers, **I always pray** (*Durative active present verb*)
 - a.) Paul prayed consistently and unceasingly!
 - b.) Paul prayed joyfully, expectantly (v. 4) God is *working*
 - c.) Paul prayed confidently – (v6) Paul's *confidence* was *in Christ*

2. I HOLD you IN my heart – v. 7

"It is right for me to feel this way about you, since I have you in my heart"

- **This is WHY Paul prayed** – LOVE was his motivation.
(John 13:35/ I John 3:14)

3. This is HOW I always pray for You – v. 9-11.

I always pray...(v3) and this is my prayer (v9)

- **Paul Models HOW and WHAT to pray for those we love.**

Paul prays with confidence that they would be:

- A. Loving in nature.
- B. Righteous in character.
- C. Fruitful in service.
- D. All to the glory of God in Purpose