

Prayer Prompts from 1 Thessalonians - March 15-21

“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

The God of peace himself faithfully sanctifies us, keeps us, and calls us.

1 Thessalonians 2:1-13

“For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain. ² But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. ³ For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, ⁴ but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts. ⁵ For we never came with words of flattery, as you know, nor with a pretext for greed—God is witness. ⁶ Nor did we seek glory from people, whether from you or from others, though we could have made demands as apostles of Christ. ⁷ But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. ⁸ So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ⁹ For you remember, brothers, our labor and toil: we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. ¹⁰ You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. ¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children, ¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. ¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, which is at work in you believers.”

How does Paul's description of his ministry to the Thessalonians lead you to pray for ministry in your sphere of influence or for believers in Basque Country?

Helpful ideas:

- Our coming to these people would not be in vain (v. 1-2)
- Those who have been entrusted with the Gospel will speak it (v. 3-4)
- God's people would work for His glory and not their own (v. 5-6)
- We would be gentle among the lost as if they were our own children (v. 7-9)
- Our desire would be to disciple new believers in love (v. 10-12)
- The Holy Spirit would awaken the hearts of unbelievers to accept the truth (v. 13)

*“For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.”
-1 Thessalonians 1:4-5a*