

Warm up for Personal Prayer: Patterns from Colossians 1:1-12

(*Please insert the name of *Philosophia International* team members, residents of "Haus Nazareth", your own name, or those of friends and family members.)

- Lord God, help _____* to pray always for other believers as they give thanks to You (Col1:3)
- Continue to build in _____* strong faith in Christ Jesus and a love for all Your people because of the hope laid up for them in heaven (1:4-5a)
- Thank you that the word of truth, the gospel, has come to _____* and is constantly bearing fruit and increasing since the day they heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth (1:5-6)
- Help _____* to develop into a reliable and faithful servant of Christ on whom others can depend; help love to grow in _____*'s life through the work of Your Spirit (1:7)
- I pray for _____* to be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom and have a thorough understanding in all areas of life (1:9)
- May _____* live a life worthy of You, one that pleases You in every way. May _____* bear fruit in every kind of good work and increase in knowledge of You and Your ways (1:10)
- Please strengthen _____* with all Your power, according to Your glorious might, so that they will have great endurance and patience. I pray that _____* will joyfully give thanks to You, Who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of Your people in kingdom of light (1:11-12)

Prayer Notes & Answers:

"Sometimes an opportunity comes to each of us to make a difference, to be part of something very special, part of something that just might change the world!"

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For more information about *Philosophia International*, please visit our website: www.philosophia.org.

For regular updates on the "Haus Nazareth" Project and the outreach of *Philosophia* see our website www.prayerblog.net

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24 HOUR PRAYER CHAIN

"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving."

COLOSSIANS 4:2

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What is a “24 Hour Prayer Chain”?

The mission of the 24-hour Prayer Chain is to bring the needs of the world and the mission of *Philosophia International* before God twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week so that prayer will continuously be offered around the clock.

Consider praying these scriptures for yourself and others: family, friends, media people, and leaders, as well as for all involved in *Philosophia*.

Pray that God’s standard for living will be the plumbline in your own life and family, in the church and in society (school, government, media, etc.)

Beginning a time of prayer is often like starting a car on a cold morning: it takes a bit of time before it warms up and runs smoothly. This pamphlet will help provide you with some resources to “warm up” during your scheduled time of prayer. In particular, there are some biblical prayers that are printed as a framework. You can use them to get started talking to God and then expand on them as His Spirit speaks to your heart.

You can be part of the 24-hour Prayer Chain by emailing us at prayerchain@philosophia.org and committing yourself to pray at a specific time of the day or indicating that you want to be more flexible but still want to pray for at least 15 minutes each day. Not only believers in the United States are signed up; friends in other countries (particularly Germany) are praying, too. We would love to have you join us!

We’ll then send you a short email every few days with a specific prayer focus and suggestions of needs for which you can pray.

Specific Prayer Requests for *Philosophia International* and “Haus Nazareth”

1. Ministry partners who will help move “Haus Nazareth” into the vital remodeling stage.
2. People to invite small groups of friends to one hour coffee hours to see and learn about the *Philosophia International* vision
3. People praying specifically for the *Philosophia* team (getting updates through the 24 hour prayer chain if they wish).
4. For people partnering with *Philosophia* to have wisdom, vision and insight on knowing with whom to share:
 - the opportunities and needs of *Philosophia* and
 - how to plan for effective contacting
 - with sensitivity to Christ’s leading.
5. That the Lord will lead the students and staff in “Haus Nazareth” toward a Jesus-centered, creative fellowship together during this time of transition in the center.
6. That the hearts of people in Berlin will be prepared to understand, desire and embrace the Good News of Christ’s love and the salvation He provides when they hear about it.
7. For the hearts of the people who will be living and working in “Haus Nazareth” to bond spiritually into an intentional spiritual community.

Principles of Life and Prayer

“Pray diligently. Stay alert, with your eyes wide open in gratitude. Don’t forget to pray for us, that God will open doors for telling the mystery of Christ... **Pray that every time I open my mouth I’ll be able to make Christ as plain as day to them.**”

Colossians 4: 2-4 (The Message)

“Love from the center of who you are; don’t fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Don’t burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. **Don’t quit in hard times; pray all the harder.** Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they’re happy; share tears when they’re down. Get along with each other; don’t be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don’t be the great somebody.”

Romans 12:9-18 (The Message)

“God has instituted prayer so as to confer upon his creatures the dignity of being causes.”

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