Colossians 1:9-12 *(Phillips) ...so you will understand that since we heard about you we have never missed you in our prayers. We are asking God that you may see things, as it were, from his point of view by being given spiritual insight and understanding. We also pray that your outward lives, which men see, may bring credit to your master's name, and that you may bring joy to his heart by bearing genuine Christian fruit, and that your knowledge of God may grow yet deeper. As you live this new life, we pray that you will be strengthened from God's boundless resources, so that you will find yourselves able to pass through any experience and endure it with courage. You will even be able to thank God in the midst of pain and distress because you are privileged to share the lot of those who are living in the light.*

This is such a wonderful passage. Especially when we remember that Paul was in prison, and that he had never met these people before. Yet he prayed specifically for them and he prayed in a way that showed he was seeking God's best for them.

Life Application Bible Notes: "Paul had never met the Colossians, but he faithfully prayed for them. His prayer teach us how to pray for others, whether we know them or not

We can pray that they...

- understand and obey God's will
- gain spiritual wisdom
- would honor God in their lives
- bear good fruit
- grow in the knowledge of God
- be Filled with God's strength
- have great endurance and patience
- would be full of Christ's joy
- would give thanks always in all things"

PRAYER: O Lord, help me to learn to pray Your Word for Your people. Please Lord, God make these things real in my life and in the lives of your people at Open Door.

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