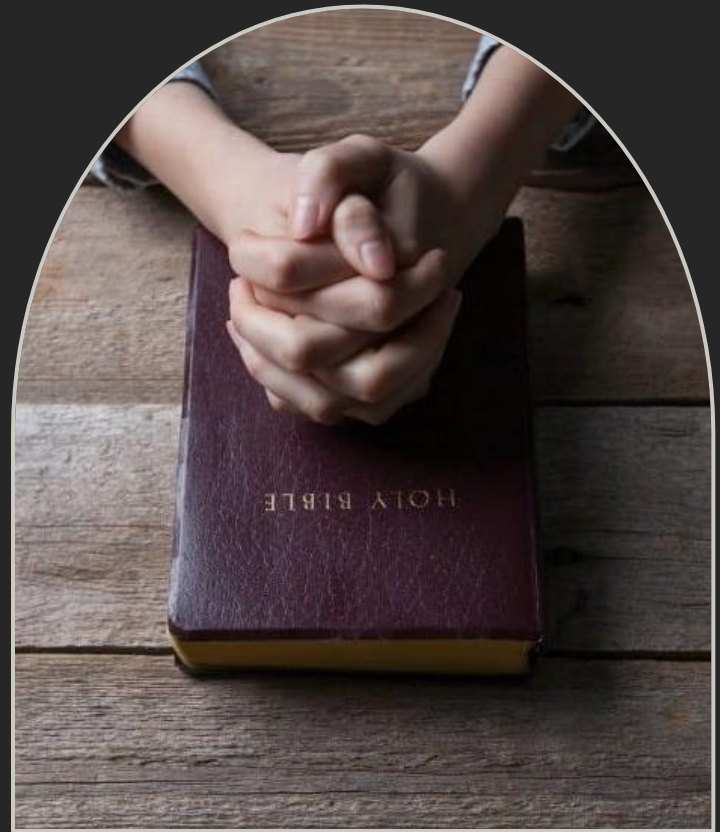




# Just As Your Soul Prospers



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“I PRAY THAT YOU MAY PROSPER IN ALL THINGS  
AND BE IN HEALTH, JUST AS YOUR SOUL PROSPERS.”

3 JOHN 2

# The Prayer – Physical Prosperity

“I pray that you may prosper in all things  
and be in health”

## God Cares About Our Physical State

Isaiah 58:6-7; Matthew 25:34-40; 6:25, 31-32;  
Acts 14:17; 17:25, 28

## We Should Pray for Each Other's Physical Well-Being

James 5:13-15; 1 John 3:16-18

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# The Parallel – Spiritual Prosperity

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## A Sobering Request

- Usual salutary greetings – 2 John 3; Eph. 1:16-18; Philippians 1:9; Colossians 1:9-10
  - John is so confident of Gaius’ spiritual state that he prays his physical well-being would match it.
  - Would we even dare to offer such a prayer?
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# The Parallel – Spiritual Prosperity

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## What if the request was granted?

- Bankruptcy? – Revelation 3:17-19; James 1:9-11; 2:5
  - Malnourishment? – John 6:26-27; 1 Cor. 3:1-4
  - Heart failure? – 2 Cor. 4:16; Luke 18:1; Eph. 4:17-19
  - Deafness/blindness? – Matthew 13:13-15; 2 Peter 1:9
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# The Priority – Spiritual Service

“that we may become fellow workers  
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## The Prayer had a Greater Spiritual Objective

- For the physical good of Gaius, prompted by news of spiritual work – **3 John 2-6a**
  - With the goal of the spiritual work continuing – **3 John 6b-8**
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## God’s Blessings Equip Us for His Service

- Body – 1 Corinthians 6:13, 19-20; Romans 6:12-13
  - Physical blessings – 2 Corinthians 9:8-11;  
1 Timothy 6:17-19
  - Everything!
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