



# **Pray Without Ceasing**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-18

# The incredible Gift of Prayer

**Rejoice  
Always!**



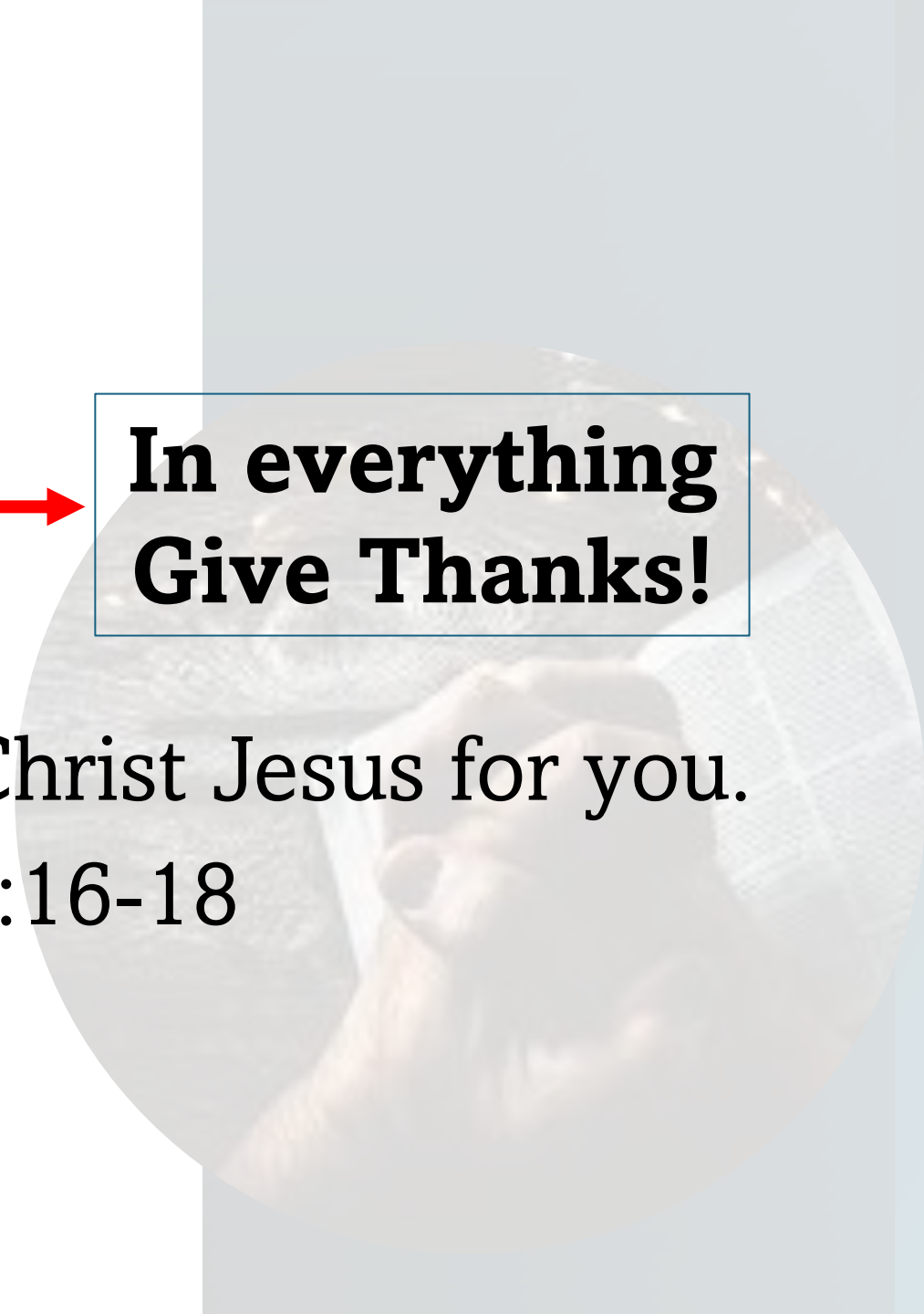
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**In everything  
Give Thanks!**

.. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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# Understand what this means

Doesn't mean to pray continuously w/o stopping

- Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, the breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- Acts 5:42 And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus *as* Christ.

Pray constantly.. Pray continually.. Never stop praying

# In everything give thanks

1 Chron 16:34 Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for *He is* good! For His mercy *endures* forever.

Psalms 9:1-2 I will praise *You*, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will tell of all Your marvelous works. <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and rejoice in You; I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High.

Psalms 100:4-5 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *and* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. <sup>5</sup> For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, and His truth *endures* to all generations.



# Express Reverence for God

Matthew 6:9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

Psalms 148 Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels.. Praise Him, sun, moon, and stars of light! Praise Him you heaven of heav-ens. Let them praise the name of the Lord, For His name alone is exalted, His glory is above the earth and heaven!

Psalms 90:1-2 Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations, before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

# Confess our weaknesses

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 32:5 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Psalms 51:1-4 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

# **The prayer list is endless**

- For Family members (spiritually)
- For the spread of the Gospel
- For leaders of the church
- For gospel preachers
- For the church (for each other)
- For our enemies



# Pray for boldness for Christ

Eph 6:19-20 and praying for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Titus 2:15 Speak these things, exhort, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word! Be ready in season *and* out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.



# Pray publicly and privately

1 Timothy 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting.

Mark 1:35 Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed.

Matthew 6:6-8 But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.

# **Make prayer a daily routine**

- Make it a daily habit
- A quiet time (no distractions)
- Focus on God (divine power)
- Remember God loves you
- Don't forget His word
- Pray according to His will





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