

Ephesians 3:14-16

For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Paul recognizes God's abundance in all good things. We cannot deplete God's goodness and His glorious riches. From that abundance Paul prayed that God may strengthen the Ephesians with power through His Spirit in their inner being. Building your inner strength is by the Holy Spirit. In John 7:38, Jesus said, "Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." Again Paul writes, Philippians 4:13 " I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

1. As you begin 2019 we encourage you to focus on building your inner spiritual being.
2. Surrender to God in every way through the grace of yielding to him and asking him to fill you with his presence.
3. Spend time praising and thanking God for his goodness in letting you see 2019.
4. Pray for the church in Canada as well as the nation as a whole; that the church will be influenced by Christian values as they forge forward.
5. Pray for our church planters, some may be facing insurmountable challenges in establishing new churches.
6. Praise God for churches in BCBC, which are successfully being revitalized
7. Pray for God to raise BCBC partners and donors to fund the church planting and revitalization initiatives.
8. Pray for the upcoming equipping seminar, Improving Your Serve, that will be held February 23, 2019.
9. Pray for wisdom for retired pastors and those about to retire that the Lord will help them to find their place in the church and the community.
10. Pray for pastors who have transitioned into new pastorates that they will be fruitful in their new ministries and that the churches will prosper spiritually.