The Gospel: Living Prayer

As we slowly and carefully wend our way through the book of Colossians we will find ourselves rejoicing in the new life given to us by the power of God. All believers have been given new life through Christ. Now, we have confirmation and instruction in this supernatural letter inspired by the Holy Spirit. God himself has seen to it that this letter be placed in his supernatural mailbox called the Bible. God's Word is alive.

As much as God's Word is alive, so is the prayer offered up to God in this letter to the Colossian believers. It is a beautiful and blessed gift from heaven that believers today are included in this prayer. This prayer is alive because it contains the essence of God's will for his people. God will see to it that, as we follow him, we will be led deeply into what he wants for us. And what God wants for us is his will.

Paul wrote, "We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Colossians 1:9). Notice the word "all" – nothing lacking. The more we bow and yield our lives to God's will, the more this prayer will come to life in our lives. Blessing will be sure to follow.

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Colossians 1:9-14

9 FROM EMPTINESS TO FULLNESS

10-12 FROM WEAKNESS TO STRENGTH

• Godly fruit Galatians 5:16-25

• Godly power

• Godly inheritance

12-14 FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

2 Corinthians 4:4