

# One of the Most Beautiful Prayers You Can Pray for Someone

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There are some people in your life you **desperately want to help**.

You want them to grow.

You want them to become stronger.

You want them to understand who they are in Christ.

But sometimes you don't know what to say to them.

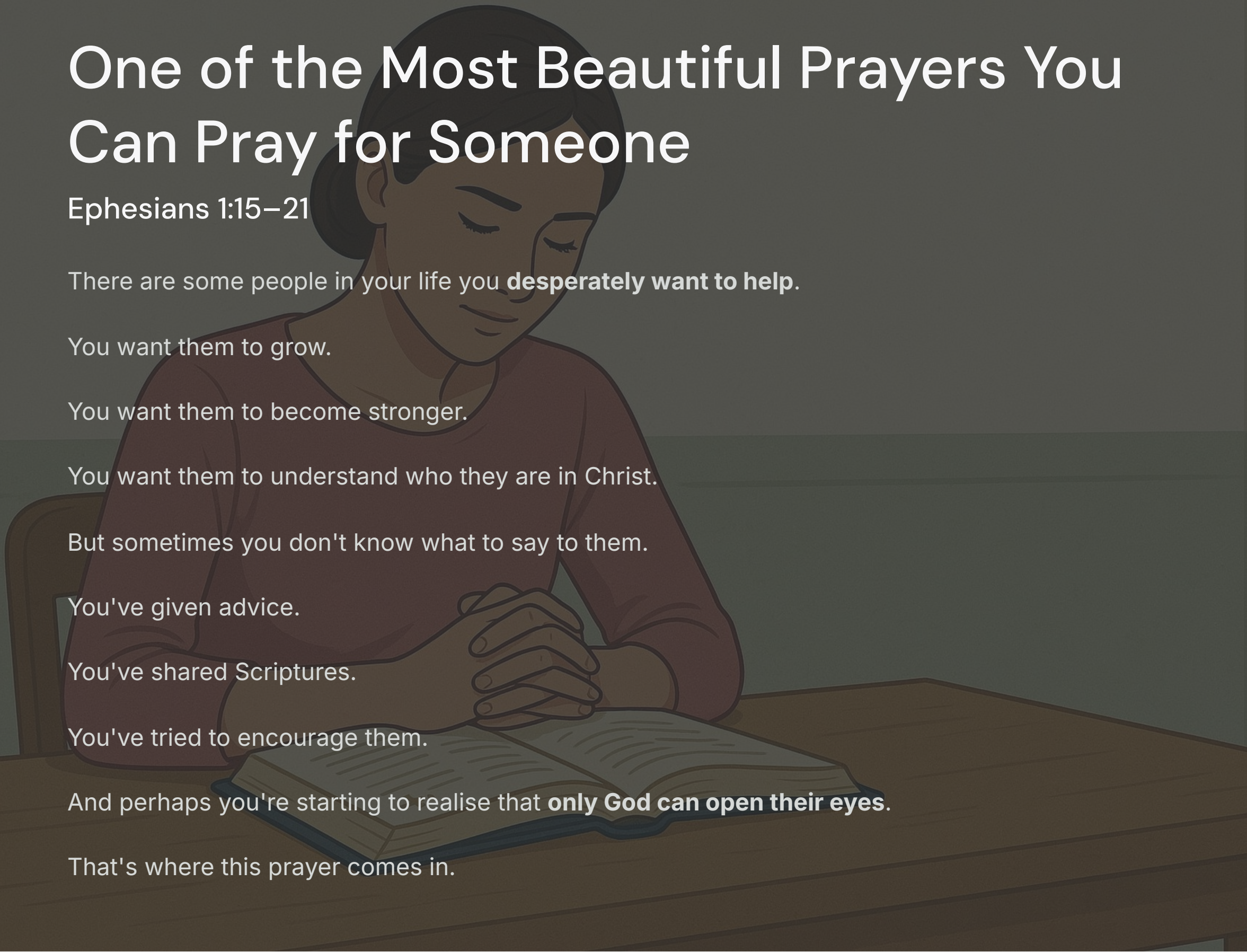
You've given advice.

You've shared Scriptures.

You've tried to encourage them.

And perhaps you're starting to realise that **only God can open their eyes**.

That's where this prayer comes in.



# Ephesians 1:15–21

Ephesians 1:15–21 contains one of the most beautiful prayers we can ever pray for another believer.

Paul says:

"Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

Notice how Paul begins.

He begins with **thanksgiving**.

He doesn't begin by complaining about everything they still need to fix.

He thanks God for the faith they already have and the love already working in their lives.

That's a powerful lesson for us.

Before we start praying about what's missing in someone, **thank God for what He's already doing in them**.

Thank God for every sign of faith.

Thank God for every sign of love.

Thank God that His grace is already at work.

Then Paul tells us exactly what he prayed:

"That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the **spirit of wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of him."

Paul doesn't merely pray that they'll gain more information.

He prays that they'll **know God**.

There's a difference between knowing facts about God and truly recognising God at work in your life.

You can read the Bible every day and still miss what God is showing you.

You can hear sermons every week and still live as though you're spiritually empty.

So Paul prays for **wisdom and revelation**.

In other words:

"Father, help them understand what is already true."

"Help them see Christ more clearly."

"Help them recognise the grace, power and calling already working in their lives."

Paul continues:

"The **eyes of your understanding** being enlightened."

Your physical eyes can be working perfectly while your spiritual understanding remains cloudy.

You can see your problems but fail to see God's promise.

You can see your weakness but fail to see His power.

You can see your past but fail to see your calling.

That's why this prayer matters.

We're asking God to **turn the light on**.

Paul then gives us three great things he wants believers to know.

# That They May Know the Hope of His Calling

Paul prays:

"That ye may know what is the **hope of his calling**."

Not merely hear about it.

Not merely repeat the correct answer.

**Know it.**

Become settled in it.

Live with confidence because of it.

God's calling gives us **hope**.

Our lives aren't random.

We haven't been saved just to stumble through life wondering whether any of this matters.

We've been called by God.

Called into Christ.

Called out of darkness.

Called into fellowship with His Son.

Called to become part of what God is doing in the earth.

When you pray for someone, pray that they'll stop seeing their life as meaningless.

Pray that they'll recognise the **hope connected to God's calling**.

# That They May Know the Riches of His Inheritance

Paul continues:

"And what the **riches of the glory of his inheritance** in the saints."

Paul wants believers to understand how **valuable the saints are to God**.

We often think about our inheritance in God, and rightly so.

But this verse also speaks about **His inheritance in the saints**.

God is gathering a people for Himself.

Redeemed people.

Forgiven people.

People brought into union with Christ.

The church might look weak, divided or unimpressive from a human perspective, but God sees His inheritance.

So when you pray for another believer, pray that they'll understand their **value in Christ**.

Pray that they'll stop measuring themselves by failure, rejection or comparison.

Pray that they'll see themselves as someone God has redeemed and claimed for His glory.

# That They May Know the Greatness of His Power

Paul then says:

"And what is the **exceeding greatness of his power** to us-ward who believe."

Notice who this power is directed toward.

**Us who believe.**

Paul isn't praying that God will suddenly become powerful.

God is already powerful.

Paul is praying that believers will **recognise the power already working toward them.**

And what kind of power is this?

Paul explains:

"According to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he **raised him from the dead.**"

This is **resurrection power.**

The power that raised Jesus from the dead is the measure Paul uses to describe God's power toward the believer.

Think about that.

Dead situations don't frighten God.

Hopeless situations don't exhaust God.

Human weakness doesn't cancel His ability.

When it looked like everything was over, God raised Christ from the dead.

And Paul says that same mighty power is working toward those who believe.

This doesn't mean we'll never struggle.

It means our struggle is **never greater than God's power.**

It doesn't mean we'll never feel weak.

It means weakness doesn't have the final word.

It doesn't mean every situation changes instantly.

It means **resurrection power is working** even when we can't yet see the outcome.

# Christ Is Above Every Power

Paul finishes by pointing us to where Christ is now.

God:

"Set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, **far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named.**"

Christ isn't struggling for authority.

Christ isn't trying to become victorious.

**Christ is seated.**

He is above every principality.

Above every power.

Above every might.

Above every dominion.

Above every name that can be named.

Whatever name frightens you, **Christ is above it.**

Whatever power appears to stand against you, **Christ is above it.**

Whatever situation looks impossible, Christ remains **seated at the Father's right hand.**

# The Prayer We Can Pray for the People We Love

"Father, give them **wisdom and revelation** in the knowledge of Christ.

Open the eyes of their understanding.

Help them know the **hope of Your calling**.

Help them understand the **riches of Your inheritance** in the saints.

Help them recognise the **exceeding greatness of Your power** toward those who believe.

And help them see Jesus **seated above every power, every authority and every name**."

You might not be able to solve another person's problems.

You might not have the perfect advice.

You might not know how to make them understand.

**But you can pray.**

And sometimes the greatest thing you can pray isn't, "Lord, change everything around them."

It's:

"Lord, **open their eyes** so they can see what is already theirs in Christ."