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¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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Final Greetings

²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

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EXODUS 17:8-13 (NIV)

The Amalekites Defeated

⁸ The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. ⁹ Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

¹⁰ So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. ¹¹ As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

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EXODUS 17:8-13 (NIV)

¹² When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. ¹³ So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

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MATTHEW 6:7-13(NIV)

⁷ And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

MATTHEW 6:7-13(NIV)

⁹ "This, then, is how you should pray:

 "Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,

¹⁰ your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our debts,
 as we also have forgiven our debtors.

¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from the evil one.'

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- Why did Moses have to hold up the staff?
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- Jesus acknowledges that God already knows everything we need.
- God wants us to be a part of the story, even if he's doing the hard work.

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- Sometimes you'll never know what happened.

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- Prayer does not force God's hand.

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Now, and this week:

- Let's pray

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