**Praying - week 4**

***“Praying for Others”***

**Ephesians 1:17 -23 & Ephesians 3: 14-21**

1. **To know God better**

 *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.* **Ephesians 1:17-23**

* Three things to know about God:

1. Our hope

1. His glorious inheritance
2. His incompatibly great power
3. **To realize the fullness of God**

*For this reason, I kneel before the Father,
 from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love,  may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge--that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.* **Ephesians 3:14-19**

* The result is inner strength.
* The key is faith,
* What we need to know is God’s love.
1. **The God who answers our prayers**

*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, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* **Ephesians 3:20-21**