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Sermon Discussion Notes **Pastor Pip Taylor: Prayer for our Co-Labourers**

At the church service last Sunday the Vanuatu team shared with the church.

Q: Was there anything in particular you took away from what was shared by the Vanuatu team? Discuss.

READ Philippians 1:27b

As brothers and sisters in Christ we are described as co-labourers, "*striving together as one for the faith of the gospel*"

Q: What do the terms "co-labourers" or "coworkers" mean to you?

READ 1 Peter 4:10

The Bible gives another analogy in the form of the body and the idea that while all different, we all work for the same purpose.

Q: What are some of the ways you see we can serve one another as co-labourers?

READ Colossians 1:9-12

One facet of serving one another can be in prayer for one another. We see Paul talk about this in the letter to the Colossian church.

Q: What stands out to you about the things that Paul prays for them?

Q: Does this align with your prayers for other believers?

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When we pray these things for our co-labourers:

- We grow in our care for one another
- We see God's work and glory displayed in other's lives & grow in our faith.
- We jointly rejoice in what God does as we are invested in the outcome.

This Week's Challenge:

List at least 5 names and pray the Colossians passage for them. We usually pray a lot more for the people close to our heart (eg. our family) so it is worthwhile to consider who else we might bless by our prayers.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Pray in accordance with Colossians 1:9-12 that they:

- would be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding;
- would walk in a manner worthy of the Lord;
- would bear fruit in every good work;
- would increase in the knowledge of God;
- would be strengthened with all power;
- would have endurance and patience with joy;
- would give thanks to the Father in all things.