

Philippians 1: 1-11

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the leaders and deacons. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

I thank my God every time I remember you,

In all my prayers for all of you,
I always pray with joy

Because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

And I am sure of this:

- That he who began a good work in you
- Will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

It is right for me to feel this way about you

1. Because I hold you in my heart
2. I may be held by chains
3. Or I may be standing up for the truth of the good news
4. Either way - all of you share in God's grace with me.

For God is my witness.

How I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more,

With knowledge and all discernment

So that you may approve what is excellent

And so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ

Filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ

To the glory and praise of God.