

GRATITUDE FOR A FAITHFUL PEOPLE

Philippians 1:1–11

There are seasons in the life of a church family when what's needed is not new direction, but grateful recognition—moments to pause and notice what God is doing in and through his people. Faithfulness deserves to be named, grace deserves to be acknowledged, and God's work deserves to be celebrated, not for human commendation, but for divine glory. Today's gathering is shaped by appreciation and intercession: thanksgiving for the ways God has been forming, sustaining, and using this assembly of believers, and prayer for the ways he will continue to grow his people in love, wisdom, holiness, and fruitfulness. Our praise today is offered as a grateful response to God's faithfulness and a prayerful entrusting of the future to his care — for the glory of his name and the good of his church.

THANKFUL

Thankful—*how?*

Continuous, joyful, universal, and affectionate.

1:1–4, 7–8

Thankful—*why?*

Participation in the gospel.

1:5, 7

Thankful—*for whom?*

It's all about, by, and for God.

1:6

PRAYERFUL

Prayerful—*for what?*

A growing love and a complete character

1:9–11