

Ephesians 3:14-21^{vi}

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

^{vi}About Ephesians 3:14-21

In chapter 3, Paul explains the link between his message and his ministry. The revelation to him of God's dream of one united community of Jew and Gentile gathered in Christ compels him to traverse the world making that dream known to Gentiles and realizing God's dream by including them into the Christian community.

Today's reading is his prayerful response to this ministry of grace that he has been given. He invites God's blessing on his audience so that they will experience Christ's presence and begin to grasp the universal implications of God's plan for them. He ends with a final hymn of praise (a doxology).