

*Valley Bible Church – Sermon Study Questions*

**Study Aid for the Sermon from March 29-30, 2003**

**"The Prayer of Paul"**

**Colossians 1:1-12**

**Observing the text**

Identify and list the reasons why Paul is thankful in Colossians 1:3-8.

Identify and list the elements of Paul's prayer for the Colossians in 1:9-12.

What do you think Paul was most concerned about when he thought about other people?

What do you think of scripted prayers, prayers that are written out for people to pray word-for-word? Do you think we should pray Paul's prayer from Colossians 1 for people we know?

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### **Applying the sermon**

Reflect on your normal prayer life and compare it with what we read of Paul's from Colossians 1:1-12.

Write down the names of at least five fellow Christians and at least two things for each person that you can thank God for in their lives.

Write down the names of at least five fellow Christians, different from those listed above. Pray for each of them according to the requests of Paul for the Colossians from 1:9-12.