

Ephesians 3 - English Standard Version

- 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named,
- 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,
- 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
- 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
- 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
- 20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,
- 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Discussion Questions

1. How does Paul refer to the triune God in Ephesians 3:14-21?
2. What do these verses tell us about the work of God the Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit?
3. What exactly is Paul praying for the Ephesian believers throughout this prayer? Do we ever pray like this for our brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. What does Paul mean when he prays that believers 'may be filled with all the fullness of God'?
5. There are a number of striking and memorable phrases in this prayer. Which phrases stand out the most to you?
6. What do verses 20 & 21 tell us about Paul's view of God? Do you find this challenging?

Spend time praying together using Ephesians 3:14-21 as a guide.