

**“A Prisoner’s Prayer?”**  
**The Supremacy of Christ Series**  
Colossians 1:9-14  
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**Two parts to Paul’s prayer:**

**1. Petition**

“...asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding.”  
Colossians 1:9

“Prayer is surrender—surrender to the will of God and cooperation with that will. If I throw out a boat hook from a boat and catch hold of the shore and pull, do I pull the shore to me, or do I pull myself to the shore? Prayer is not pulling God to my will, but the aligning of my will to the will of God.”

E. Stanley Jones, *A Song of Ascents*  
As quoted in *Swindoll’s Ultimate Book of Illustrations and Quotes*.  
Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN, 1998, p. 453.

“Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man’s will done in Heaven, but for getting God’s will done on earth.”  
Robert Law, as quoted in *Nelson’s Complete Book of Stories and Illustrations*,  
Thomas Nelson Publishers, Nashville, TN, 2000, p. 623.

**2. Praise**

“...joyfully giving thanks to the Father.”  
Colossians 1:12