



Sermon series: I Pray For...  
Text: Philippians 1:3-11  
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## Praying for Growth

**Big Idea: We pray for growth in Christ because it is important AND it is a gift.**

### Two Reasons We Should Pray for Growth in Christ. (vs. 6, 10)

1. This is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for your life. (Romans 8:29)
2. This is God's \_\_\_\_\_ for your future. (Philippians 3:20-21)

### Three Ways We Can Pray for Growth in Christ. (vs.9-11)

1. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ of what's \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ . (Galatians 5:22)

### One Goal We Have as we Pray for Growth in Christ. (vs.11)

1. That God would be \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_ us to be like Christ.

*“What he is doing is praying for revival. For if true revival is a work of God, if transforming and discerning love that enables believers to approve what is best is at the bottom the fruit of God’s work in our lives, if true righteousness is fruit that comes through Jesus Christ, then however much God may use means, the means themselves do not guarantee anything. Only God can produce transformation; only God can grant a revival. So it is urgent that we ask God to work in us; it is vital that we learn to pray this prayer with Paul.” -D.A. Carson*

What are some of the biggest ways you have grown or changed throughout your life?

What area of your life do you most need to be reminded that God is at work in it and has a purpose in it for you?



*How would you answer the following question: "If God is sovereign over our lives and everything that happens, then why should we pray?" How can God's sovereignty actually be an encouragement to us to pray?*

*How would you describe what a Christlike love looks like? Why can it be so difficult for us to love in this way?*

*Where would you like to grow in reflecting Jesus' character in your own life? How can you pray for God to do this?*

*As you pray for other people what are some of the main things you pray for them? How might you start to include praying for them to grow to be more like Jesus into your prayers?*

*As you experience God's work in your life, what are ways that you could tell other people about what he's done? What would keep you from telling other people about what God's done in your life?*

*What is your picture of what revival looks like? In what ways could revival be compared to a "growth spurt"?*

*Spend some time this week praying for God to cause a spiritual "growth spurt" in you and in Keystone the week of Life Action. Use the bookmark that was handed out on Sunday to guide your praying here.*