

Scripture Readings for SEPTEMBER 13

Philippians 1:1 - 11

- 1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus at Philippi, together with the overseers and deacons:
- 2 Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 3 I thank my God every time I remember you.
- 4 In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy
- 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now,
- 6 being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.
- 7 It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me.
- 8 God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- 9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight,
- 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ,
- 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ--to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:12 - 14, 18b - 21, 27 - 30

- 12 Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel.
- 13 As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ.
- 14 Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly.
- 18b Yes, and I will continue to rejoice,
- 19 for I know that through your prayers and the help given by the Spirit of Jesus Christ, what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance.
- 20 I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.
- 21 For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.
- 27 Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel
- 28 without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved--and that by God.
- 29 For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for him,
- 30 since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 5:13 - 16

- 13 "You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.
- 14 "You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
- 15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.
- 16 In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.