

Colossians 3:12

Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

As I was reading this morning and started to read today's devotional verse starting with verse 12 and continued reading up to verse 17, I had to go back and start to, not just read it again, but also pray it, because as I was reading it, my heart was saying, that's how I want to be and walk as a believer in Christ Jesus. And we know praying scripture is a wonderful way to pray, especially if it is your heart (not your head) praying these words from God's Word.

So for today's devotional I would like to post **Colossians 3:12-17** and then the prayer I prayed from it. And as of the day of this posting, it is the National Day of Prayer, and what better devotional could I post. Plus as I was reading and praying this, I felt the Holy Spirit prompting me to write and post this as well.

So on this National Day of Prayer, why not start it out praying this prayer from scripture, or don't pray what I prayed, but take these verses and make them your own, praying as the Spirit leads you to pray them. Please don't do it because someone says to pray this prayer, but only if it is really your heart and what you, not me, but what YOU want to pray to the Lord. And if you feel the Spirit prompting you, why not pray this or any portion of scripture each day as you are reading His word.

† ***Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do. But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.***

"Heavenly Father, Lord God Almighty, I pray that through Your Holy Spirit dwelling in me, that I would put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; and that I would bear with others, forgiving others, and if I have a complaint against another; even as Christ Jesus forgave me, so may I forgive them as well.

Oh Father God, but above all these things, I pray that I would put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And may I let the peace of You Father God, rule my heart, to which I was also called in one body as a part of the Bride of Jesus Christ, the Church; and may I ALWAYS be thankful, for You are an awesome, loving God and Father to me.

Father, I ask that I would let the word of Jesus Christ dwell in me richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing others in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in my heart to You, my Father, my Lord, my GOD! And whatever I do in word or deed, may I do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to You, Father God, through Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray this. AMEN!!!”

† **Hebrews 13:20-21** *Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.*