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The Lord wants you to live in His liberty and freedom.

Phil. 1:18b-19 *Yes, and I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. (NIV)*

One of the beautiful benefits of God's freedom is that it brings us great hope and confidence. Paul was thanking the church at Philippi for their continual support in prayer. In fact, he used the Greek word **denhsiv**, which means *fervent pleading with God for him*. We can walk in great freedom when we know that others are pleading with the LORD on our behalf.

I don't think we understand completely, the power of prayer. When we pray, God listens and He moves. These prayers ascend into His throne room and He answers them because of His great love for us. God's provision (Greek term **epichoregeo**) means to *super supply; not lacking in anything*. And that provision is the Holy Spirit, Who is a gift from God and a giver from God. When we know that we are covered by the blood of Christ and accompanied by the Spirit of Christ, then we have the freedom to walk in the power of Christ. We don't have worry and fret as those who have no hope. We can walk and live in the power of freedom because we are surrounded and filled by the very Spirit of Christ Himself. Let's continue to pray for one another and encourage one another, and all the more as we see that Day approaching. **Heb. 10:24** *And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (NIV)* The evil one has done much damage, but Jesus will overcome! *So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed!*

Dear LORD, thank You for the prayers of the saved. There have been many prayers offered up on my behalf and I know that You hear them and act upon them. Help us all to not grow weary in doing what we know we should. In Jesus Name, Amen