

Lord Jesus, let me persevere through all my days keeping the faith of the apostles and martyrs.

Discipline me as a true son that I may walk in the way of holiness - in the paths of righteousness.

Teach me humility that my hope may be secure; teach me charity that you may touch others through me.

Give me the joy of your presence that I may shine with the radiance of your love in this darkened world.

Let me be an encourager of those whose hope is dim; let me be a teacher of those who do not know the way.

Do whatever is necessary in my life that when I die I may hear you say,

"Well done, good and faithful servant!"

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, grant you a spirit of wisdom and insight to know him clearly. **May he enlighten your innermost vision that you may know the great hope to which he has called you, the wealth of his glorious heritage to be distributed among the members of the church, and the immeasurable scope of his power in us who believe. It is like the strength he showed in raising Christ from the dead and seating him at his right hand in heaven, high above every principality, power, virtue and domination, and every name that can be given in this age or in the age to come.**

Ephesians 1:17-21