

Daily Morning Message
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Daily Lectionary Readings Psalm 145:10-18
 1 Kings 19:19-21
 Colossians 1:9-14

Today's Scripture Verse: *For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. (Colossians 1:9-10)*

What it means: The reason for the prayer is that Paul has heard about the Colossians' spiritual love. So Paul now prays for them to receive the knowledge and wisdom that will enable them to please God in the works they will accomplish.

Our time of reflection: The gift of a loving spirit is a wonderful gift to have. It is the foundation of everything else in Christian faith. We often pray for healing, encouragement, and release from sorrow or depression for our fellow members, but how often do we pray for their spirit of love to grow in wisdom and lead them to accomplish fruitful works that are pleasing to God? But isn't that what all of us really want for our lives?

