

## Prayer and Mission: Colossians 4:2-6

*Read Colossians 4:2-6*

1. As Paul begins to draw this letter to a close, he gives the Colossians two instructions: to be devoted in prayer and wise in their actions towards outsiders. Why do you think he does this?
2. What do you think Paul means by 'watchful'? Consider what the following verses say about what we ought to be awake and alert to:
  - 1:6
  - 1:13-14
  - 1:19-20
  - 1:27
  - 3:1-4
3. Thankfulness has been a major theme in this letter. How do those truths move you to thankfulness to God? *See 1:3-6 for an example from Paul's prayer.*
4. How are these things reflected in Paul's prayer request in v3-4?
5. What should we prioritise in our prayers - especially when we pray for ministries and missionaries?
6. Paul's second instruction is about our actions and words towards unbelievers. What does this say about our role in God's mission?
7. What does it mean to have our message 'full of grace, seasoned with salt'? You might like to consider what Jesus said about light and salt: Matthew 5:13-16.
8. Who are the people in your life that aren't believers? What opportunities do you have to say something about God's grace?
9. Pray for opportunities, confidence, and open doors for the gospel. You might also like to choose one of our link missionaries to pray for, based on verses 3-4.