

**UPWARD CALL: A MEANINGFUL PRAYER**

1. Cultivation of a Christian Heart of love      Philippians 1:9

- a) To abound
- b) More and More

2. Context of this abounding love      Philippians 1:9

- a) In knowledge
- b) All discernment

3. Concrete Expressions of this love in real life (Fruit)      Philippians 1:10

- a) Ability to approve things that are excellent
- b) Sincerity
- c) Without Offense
- d) Duration – “till the day of Christ”
- e) Filled with fruits of righteousness

4. Christ Jesus      Philippians 1:11

- a) He is the Mediator (“by Jesus Christ”)
- b) He hears our prayers

5. Concerns      Philippians 1:11

- a) To the glory of God
- b) To the praise of God

6. Challenges

- a) The above cannot be achieved by our own strength
- b) These must be brought to the Lord humbly in prayer
  - i) Personal Prayer
  - ii) Intercessory Prayer

**BIBLE MEMORY**  
**PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11**

*And this I pray that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment,  
That you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ,  
Being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Christ Jesus, to the glory and praise of God.*