A Prayer for the Church

Ephesians 1.15 – 23 (ESV)

Introduction: John 17 – The Lord's Prayer

1. Recognitions of Paul's Prayer (Ephesians 1.15 – 16):

 He recognized the Ephesians:
 ______, Christians. (He still prays!)

 They were faithful. (Ephesians 1.1)

 They loved each other. (John 13.35; 1 John 3.14; 4.20)

 He recognized God: The God of our Lord Jesus Christ; The Father of glory.

 2. Requests: That in our _______ of God we may ______...

The ______ to which we are called. (Romans 5.1 – 5)

The riches of God's glorious ______. (Matthew 25.34; Romans 8.17; Peter 1.3 – 4)

The immeasurable greatness of His ______toward us.

The power that _____Christ.

The power that ______ Him above all other powers and authorities.

This Jesus is the ______ of the church! Therefore, the church is...

...____! (1 Corinthians 12.12 – 27)

...____together! (Ephesians 4.15 – 16; Colossians 2.19)

..._____! (1 Timothy 3.15; 2 Corinthians 4)