

current sermon series

PASTORAL PRAYERS

for the **CHURCH**

A Loving People

Three Petitions in Paul's prayer:

1. God would direct his path to them
2. God would cause their love to increase
3. God would drive the totality of His work deep into their lives.

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

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¹² and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you,

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful, ⁶ it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. ⁷ Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

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¹³ so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.