

The image features a dark silhouette of a person on the left side, bent forward with their head touching their knees in a prayerful or contemplative pose. The background is a deep blue with a subtle grid pattern and vertical light streaks that create a sense of depth and atmosphere. The text is centered and overlaid on the background.

a framework
for prayer

A silhouette of a person in prayer, with their hands clasped and head bowed, set against a blue background with a grid pattern. The person is positioned on the left side of the frame.

2 Thessalonians 1:3-12

³ We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴ Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.



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⁵ All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering. ⁶ God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you ⁷ and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire

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with his powerful angels.

⁸ He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. ⁹ They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might ¹⁰ on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy

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people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.

¹¹ With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every

A silhouette of a person kneeling in prayer, with their hands clasped in front of them. The background is a deep blue with a subtle grid pattern and some light streaks, suggesting a digital or ethereal setting.

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desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹² We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanksgiving

**THANKSGIVING IS A FUNDAMENTAL
PART OF THE MENTAL FRAMEWORK
THAT CONTROLS PAUL'S PRAYING.**

Thanks

- Paul is thankful that their faith is growing more and more.

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- Paul is thankful that their love for one another is increasing.
- Paul is thankful that they were persevering under trial.

Confidence in future

**PAUL'S CONFIDENCE IN THEIR
ETERNAL DESTINY WAS ALSO A
FUNDAMENTAL PART OF HIS
FRAMEWORK.**

Confidence

- Paul is confident that the Thessalonians will be counted worthy and will be given relief.

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- Paul is confident that the Thessalonians will be counted worthy and will be given relief.
- Paul is confident that those who are far from God will be punished.

The substance

**KNOWING WHAT PAUL PRAYS FOR
INFORMS HOW WE PRAY FOR
OTHERS.**

Substance

- Paul prays that they may be counted worthy of God's call on their lives.
- Paul prays that God by His power might bring to fruition every Christian's good, faith-prompted purposes.

The goal

**PAUL PRAYED WITH THE ULTIMATE
GOAL OF PRAYER IN MIND.**

The goal

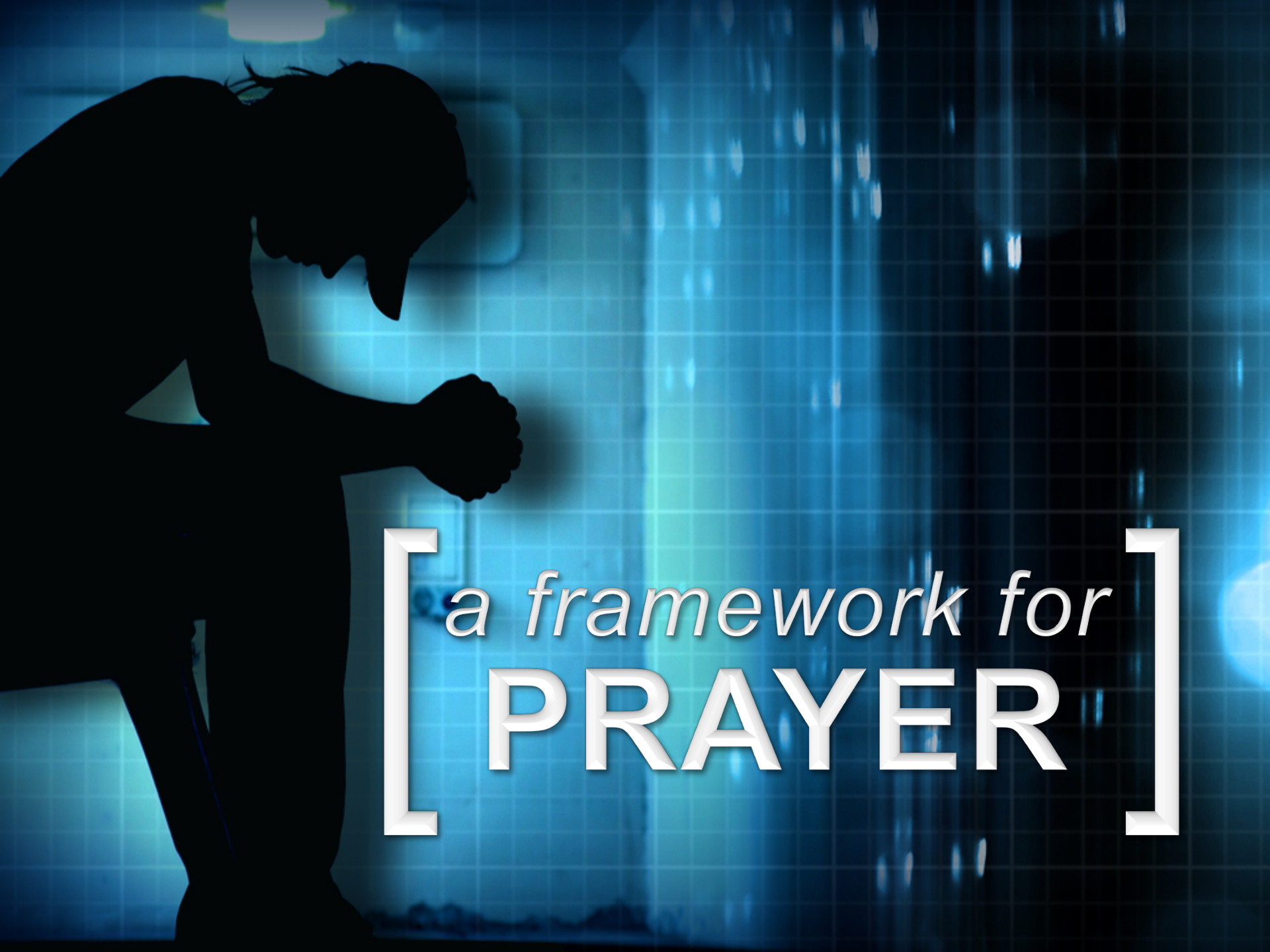
- The goal of prayer is ultimately the glorification of Jesus Christ *and us*.

The ground

**PAUL'S PRAYERS WERE GROUNDED IN
SOMETHING MUCH MORE
SUBSTANTIAL THAN HARD-WORK AND
GOOD INTENTIONS.**

The ground

- The goal of prayer is the grace of God.



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