

Col. 1.9

We have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way.

- We are praying so that you will be filled with His mighty glorious strength so that you can keep going no matter what happens - and we joyfully

give thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share all the wonderful things that belong to those who live in the kingdom of light

- the kingdom of His dear Son, who bought our freedom with His blood and forgave us all our sins.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior - but now He has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in His sight, without blemish & free from accusation. The only condition is that you fully believe the Truth, standing in it steadfast and firm, strong in the Lord, convinced of the Good News

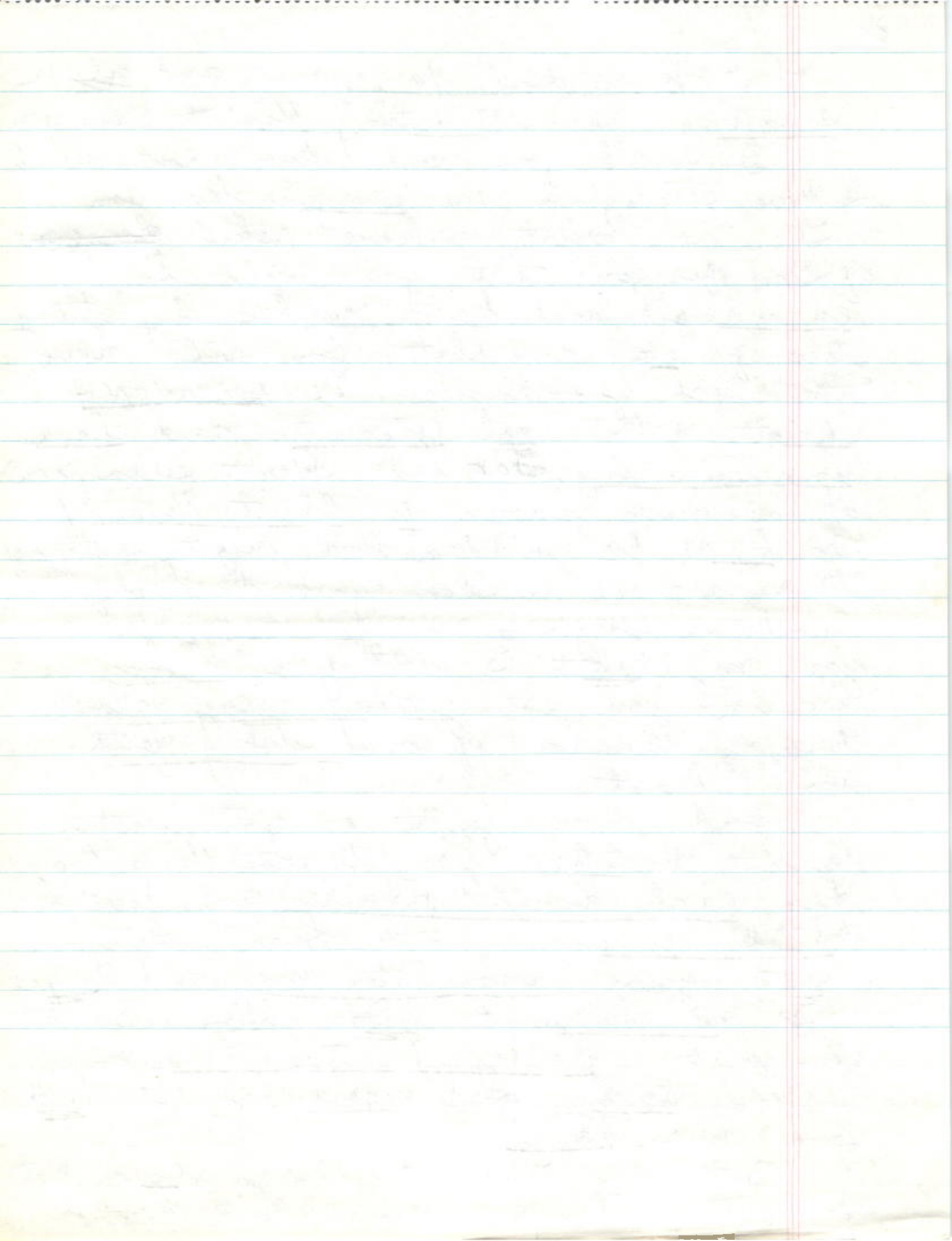
that Jesus died for you, and never shifting from trusting Him to save you.

I wish you could know how much I have struggled in prayer for you. This is what I have asked ~~for you~~: of God for you: that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love, and that you will have the rich experience of KNOWING Christ with real certainty and clear understanding. For God's secret plan, now at last made known, is Christ Himself. In HIM lie hidden all the mighty untapped treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

For though I am far away from you, my heart is with you, happy because you are getting along so well, happy because of your strong faith in Christ.

And now, just as you trusted Christ to save you, trust Him, too, for each day's problems: live in vital union with Him. Let your roots grow down into Him and draw up nourishment from Him. See that you go on growing in the Lord and become strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught.

Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things. you should have as



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little desire for this world as a dead person does. Your real life is in heaven with Christ and God. And when Christ, who is our real life comes back again, you will shine with Him and share in all His glories.

Since you have been chosen by God who has given you this new kind of life, and because of His deep love you should practice tenderhearted mercy + kindness to others. Don't worry about making a good impression on them but be ready to suffer patiently.

Be gentle + ready to forgive

Never hold grudges, remember the Lord forgave you so you can easily forgive others.

Most of all, let love guide your life. Let the peace of heart which comes from Christ be always present in your hearts and lives, for this is your responsibility and privilege as members of Christ's Body.

And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus, and come with Him into the presence of God the Father to give Him your thanks.

The first thing I should mention is that I have been thinking about you a lot lately. I hope you are doing well and enjoying your life. I have been busy with work and school, but I always find time to think about my friends. I would love to see you soon and catch up on all the news. Please write back when you have a chance and let me know how everything is going. I am always here for you and would love to hear from you. Take care and love,
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