

¹⁴ For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family^[a] in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶ I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸ may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

Footnotes:

^[a]Ephesians 3:15 The Greek for family (*patria*) is derived from the Greek for father (*pater*).

Discussion Questions:

What does it mean to you that God is described as the Father of every family? In what sense are we God's children?

What are God's "glorious riches" that can be our "strength" and "power"?

What is your "inner being"?

What difference does it make when you are "rooted and established in love"?

What are the dimensions of Christ's love?

How big is your imagination? What does it mean that God can do even MORE than what you can imagine?

How can you add glory to the church and Christ Jesus from generation to generation?

What most excites you about this prayer? What confuses you? What scares you? Which emotion is dominant?