

COLOSSIANS

*Mature in Christ
Sustained in Christ
Colossians 4:2-6*

PASTOR'S PRAYER

Almighty Father, Maker, Sustainer, Good Shepherd, Refuge for our weary souls. You tell of your glory, power and majesty through your creation. You have spoken of your steadfast love and faithfulness throughout the generations through your prophets. You came and dwelt among us in the person of Jesus Christ, the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, the firstborn from the dead, preeminent and worthy of all praise, adoration and worship. Grant us I pray, Father in heaven, your Spirit this morning that we might look to Christ as our great hope, trust Christ as our sufficient joy and love Christ as our only satisfaction and pleasure forevermore. Reveal the foolishness of our hearts when we go after empty, earthly ambitions and trinkets. These make so many amazing promises. And yet they are barren, useless and damning. May we see Jesus Christ this morning, Father, and thus cast away the worthless longings and joys of this world for the glory and preeminence of Jesus Christ our LORD. *Amen & Amen.*

OUTLINE

1. Continue Steadfastly in Prayer
 - A. Watchful Prayer
 - B. Thankful Prayer
 - C. Focused Prayer
2. Walk Wisely toward Outsiders
 - A. Redeem your Time
 - B. Season your Speech

Central Textual Truth

Paul calls the Colossians to sustain Christ's preeminence.

Central Sermon Aim

I want SGBC to sustain Christ's preeminence.