

# A Confident Closing Prayer

1 Thessalonians 5:23-28 | April 28, 2024

*“Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”*

**1 Thessalonians 5:23–24**

## 1. Your sanctification is a work of God

*“Keep my statutes and do them; I am the Lord who sanctifies you...You shall be holy to me, for I the Lord am holy and have separated you from the peoples, that you should be mine.” **Leviticus 20:8; 20:26***

*“Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.” **John 17:17***

*“And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.” **1 Corinthians 6:11***

*“For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.” **Hebrews 10:14***

## 2. Your sanctification is

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*“Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, so that he might present the church to himself in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish.” **Ephesians 5:25–27***

*“You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers.” **1 Thessalonians 2:10***

## 3. Your sanctification is

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*“you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.” **1 Thessalonians 1:9–10***

*“For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you?” **1 Thessalonians 2:19***

*“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.”* **1 Thessalonians 3:13**

*“For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep.”* **1 Thessalonians 4:15**

*“When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”* **Colossians 3:4**

*“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.”* **1 John 3:2**

*“For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”* **Romans 8:29**

#### **4. Your sanctification is**

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*“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations,”* **Deuteronomy 7:9**

*“Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.”* **Psalms 36:5**

*“God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?” **Numbers 23:19***

*“...not one word has failed of all the good things that the Lord your God promised concerning you. All have come to pass for you; not one of them has failed.” **Joshua 23:14***

*“If we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.”*

**2 Timothy 2:13**

*“And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” **Philippians 1:6***

## **1. Pray for all your church family (25)**

## **2. Greet all your church family (26)**

## **3. Read the Bible with all your church family (27)**

