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Eph. 6:18-¹⁸With **all prayer and petition pray at all times** in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. ¹⁹and **pray on my behalf**, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

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Rom. 16:3-15-³ **Greet** Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴ who for my life risked their own necks, to whom not only do I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles; ⁵ also **greet** the church that is in their house. **Greet** Epaphroditus, my beloved, who is the first convert to Christ from Asia. ⁶ **Greet** Mary, who has worked hard for you. ⁷ **Greet** Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners, who are outstanding among the apostles, who also were in Christ before me. ⁸ **Greet** Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. ⁹ **Greet** Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. ¹⁰ **Greet** Apelles, the approved in Christ. **Greet** those who are of the *household* of Aristobulus. ¹¹ **Greet** Herodion, my kinsman. **Greet** those of the *household* of Narcissus, who are in the Lord. ¹² **Greet** Tryphaena and Tryphosa, workers in the Lord. **Greet** Persis the beloved, who has worked hard in the Lord. ¹³ **Greet** Rufus, a choice man in the Lord, also his mother and mine. ¹⁴ **Greet** Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and the brethren with them. ¹⁵ **Greet** Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and **all** the saints who are with them.

Rom. 16:16-**Greet** one another with a **holy kiss**. All the churches of Christ **greet** you.

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2 Tim. 4:2-**preach the word**; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.

Neh. 8:1-9-¹ And all the people gathered as one man at the square which was in front of the Water Gate, and they asked Ezra the

scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses which the LORD had given to Israel. ² Then Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly of men, women and all who *could* listen with understanding, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ He read from it before the square which was in front of the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of men and women, those who could understand; and all the people were attentive to the book of the law. ⁴ Ezra the scribe stood at a wooden podium which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiyah, and Maaseiah on his right hand; and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah *and* Meshullam on his left hand. ⁵ Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶ Then Ezra blessed the LORD the great God. And all the people answered, "Amen, Amen!" while lifting up their hands; then they bowed low and worshiped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. ⁷ Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, explained the law to the people while the people *remained* in their place. ⁸ They read from the book, from the law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading. ⁹ Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest *and* scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law.

2 Kgs. 22:8-13-⁸ Then Hilkiyah the high priest said to Shaphan the scribe, "I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD." And Hilkiyah gave the book to Shaphan who read

it. ⁹ Shaphan the scribe came to the king and brought back word to the king and said, “Your servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen who have the oversight of the house of the LORD.” ¹⁰ Moreover, Shaphan the scribe told the king saying, “Hilkiah the priest has given me a book.” And Shaphan read it in the presence of the king. ¹¹ When the king heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹² Then the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, Ahikam the son of Shaphan, Achbor the son of Micaiah, Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant saying, ¹³ “Go, inquire of the LORD for me and the people and all Judah concerning the words of this book that has been found, for great is the wrath of the LORD that burns against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all that is written concerning us.”

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Gal. 5:1-It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and **do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.**

Rom. 16:20-The **God of peace** will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

2 Pet. 3:18-but **grow in the grace and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.