

PRAYERS FOR THE YEAR OF SAINT PAUL

O glorious St. Paul, after persecuting the Church
you became by God's grace its most zealous apostle.
To carry the knowledge of Jesus, our Divine Savior,
to the uttermost parts of the earth you joyfully endured prison,
scourgings, stonings and shipwreck, as well as all manner of persecutions
culminating in the shedding of the last drop
of your blood for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Obtain for us the grace to labor strenuously to bring the faith to others
and to accept any trials and tribulations that may come our way.
Help us to be inspired by your Epistles and to partake of
your indomitable love for Jesus, so that after we have finished
our course we may join you in praising Him
in heaven for all eternity. Amen.

Great convert and Apostle of the Gentiles,
you became Christlike and knew only Christ Crucified.
Though extremely learned, you relied completely on the
wisdom received from the Spirit and taught from
the abundance of your heart.
Instruct modern evangelists – those who preach Christ to others.
Let them realize that their actions speak louder in conveying their
God-given message but to rely above all on the
promptings of the Spirit. Amen.

I kneel before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven
and on earth is named, that He may grant you,
in accord with the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power
through His Spirit in the inner self, and that Christ may dwell
in your hearts through faith; that you, rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the holy ones
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
so that you be filled with all the fullness of God. Amen.

God our Father,
You taught the Gospel to all the world through the preaching of
Paul your Apostle.
May we who celebrate his conversion to the faith
Follow him in bearing witness to Your truth.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,
Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.