### For God to fill you

**PRAYER:** Father God, may my mum / dad / brother / sister ... be filled with your Spirit today.

CHAT ABOUT: Would you like to be 'full of God'?
What might it look like for someone to be 'full of God'?

Colossians 1 v9: We have not stopped praying for you, asking God to fill you ...

### Knowing God's will

**PRAYER:** Spirit of God - please guide our thoughts and help us live your way.

CHAT ABOUT: The difference between things you know in your head and the things you know in your heart.

Colossians 1 v9: We ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will.

# Wisdom and understanding from the Spirit

**PRAYER:** Father God, open our minds to understand the things you show us.

CHAT ABOUT: What questions do you want to ask God?

Colossians 1 v9: We pray God will give you the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.

# Living a life that pleases God

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, please help us to follow you.

CHAT ABOUT: the things that please God. What have you seen or heard that would make God smile this week?

Colossians 1 v10: We pray that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way.

#### Bearing fruit in good works

**PRAYER:** Spirit of God help us care for others through our actions.

CHAT ABOUT: The fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness & self-control). Which do you want to share with family or friends this week?

Colossians 1 v10: We pray that you may please God, bearing fruit in every good work.

### Growing in the knowledge of God

**PRAYER:** Father God, show us more of yourself today.

**CHAT ABOUT:** How would you describe God to a friend?

Colossians 1 v10: We pray that you may live a life worthy of the Lord as you grow in the knowledge of God.

# Strengthened with all power

**PRAYER:** Spirit of God, fill us with your power we pray.

CHAT ABOUT: Who would you ask for help if you can't manage something on your own?

Colossians 1 v11: (We pray) ... that you are strengthened with all power...

## God's glorious might

PRAYER: Father God, may we see your glory.

CHAT ABOUT: What is amazing about God? What would you ask him to help you with?

Colossians 1 v11: (We pray) ... that you are strengthened with power according to God's glorious might ...

#### God-given endurance and patience

**PRAYER:** Thank you Jesus that you are with us at all times.

CHAT ABOUT: a time you have had to keep going, even when it felt tough.

Colossians 1 v11: (We pray) ... that you may have great endurance and patience.

# Qualified for inheritance in God's Kingdom

**PRAYER:** Thank you Father God for welcoming us into your family.

CHAT ABOUT: What good things does God give to his children?

Colossians 1 v12: Give thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

#### Giving joyful thanks to our Father

**PRAYER:** Thank you Father God for your love for us.

CHAT ABOUT: the best gift you have received. What do you want to thank God for?

Colossians 1 v12: We want you to give thanks with joy to the Father.

### A Holy People

PRAYER: Spirit of God - please come and make us 'holy'

pause in quiet after this prayer!

CHAT ABOUT: Can we ever be as holy as God? If not, are we simply doomed to fail?

Colossians 1 v12: Give thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Since the day we heard these things about you, we have continued praying for you. This is what we pray: that God will make you completely sure of what he wants by giving you all the wisdom and spiritual understanding you need; that this will help you live in a way that brings honour to the Lord and pleases him in every way; that your life will produce good works of every kind and that you will grow in your knowledge of God; that God will strengthen you with his own great power, so that you will be patient and not give up when troubles come.

Then you will be happy and give thanks to the Father. He has made you able to have what he has promised to give all his holy people, who live in the light.

The Son paid the price to make us free. In him we have forgiveness of our sins.

Colossians 1 v9-12

Compose your own family prayer (or a prayer for your friends)

Let each person contribute a line, or choose ones that stand out for you in Colossians chapter 1 v9-12