Bedtime stories for those needing healing to help you go to sleep thinking about the Power of God that “raised Jesus from the dead” study notes

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Jesus foretells His Resurrection:

John 2:19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 Then said the Jews, Forty and six years was this temple in the building, and wilt thou rear it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body.

Resurrection events:

Matthew 28 In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. 2 And, behold, there was a great

earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow: 4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. 5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. 6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. 7 And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you.

First Resurrection Sermon, Peter on the Day of Pentecost:
Acts 2:22-32 King James Version
22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, as ye yourselves also know: 23 Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: 24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.25 For David speaketh concerning him, I foresaw the Lord always before my face, for he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved: 26 Therefore did my heart rejoice, and my tongue was glad; moreover also my flesh shall rest in hope: 27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. 28 Thou hast made known to me the ways of life; thou shalt make me full of joy with thy countenance. 29 Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. 30 Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise

up Christ to sit on his throne; 31 He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption. 32 This Jesus hath God raised up, whereof we all are witnesses.

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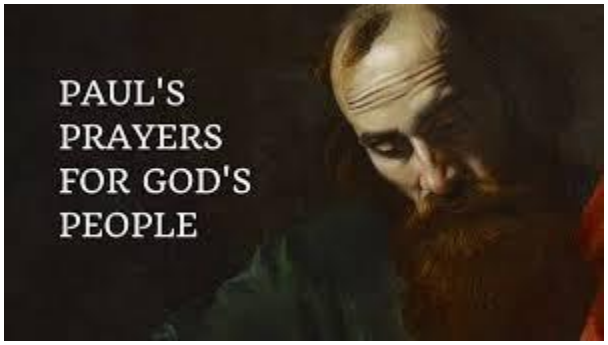
Ephesians 1:17-23:



That you may KNOW the EXCEEDING GREATNESS OF HIS POWER

- ***Toward you***
- ***In you***
- ***For you***
- ***Among you***
- ***Available to you***
- ***Into you***
- ***Made available to you and works through you***

NLT (New Living)

Paul: I pray asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, to give you (1) spiritual wisdom and (2) insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. I pray that your hearts (Greek meaning: way of thinking, mind, thoughts, imagination) will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident

hope he has given to those he called—his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power **for** us who believe him. This is the ***same mighty power*** that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms.

Amplified:

[I always pray] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may grant you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation [that gives you a deep and personal and intimate insight] into the true knowledge of Him [for we know the Father through the Son]. And [I pray] that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened [flooded with light by the Holy Spirit], so that you will know and cherish the hope [the divine guarantee, the confident expectation] to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints (God's people), and [so that you will begin to know] what the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His [active, spiritual] power is **in** us who believe. These (His immeasurable, unlimited, surpassing greatness of power) are in accordance with the working of His mighty strength which He produced in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His own right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion [whether angelic or human], and [far above] every name that is named [above every

title that can be conferred], not only in this age and world but also in the one to come. And He put all things [in every realm] in subjection under Christ's feet, and appointed Him as [supreme and authoritative] head over all things in the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills and completes all things in all [believers].

The Passion Translation

I pray that the Father of glory, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would impart to you the riches of the Spirit of wisdom and the Spirit of revelation to know him through your deepening intimacy with him. I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling —that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones! I pray that you will continually experience the immeasurable greatness of God's power made available **to** you through faith. Then your lives will be an advertisement of this immense power as it works **through** you! This is the mighty power that was released when God raised Christ from the dead and exalted him to the place of highest honor and supreme authority in the heavenly realm!

Expanded Bible (1:19-21)

19 And you will know that God's power is ·very [exceedingly; overwhelmingly] great **for** us who believe. That power ·is the **same** as [or was demonstrated in] the great strength 20 God ·used [exerted] to raise Christ from the dead and ·put [seat] him at his right ·side [hand; Ps. 110:1; Acts 2:34] in the heavenly ·world [realm; places].

The Voice (1:17-21)
17 God of our Lord Jesus the Anointed, Father of Glory: I call out to You on behalf of Your people. Give them minds ready to receive wisdom and revelation so they will truly know You. 18 Open the eyes of their hearts (minds, understanding, imagination), and let the light of Your truth flood in. Shine Your light on the hope You are calling them to embrace. Reveal to them the glorious riches You are preparing as their inheritance. 19 Let them see the full extent of Your power that is at work **in** those of us who believe, and may it be done according to Your might and power…...
Friends, it is this **same** might and resurrection power that 20 He used in the Anointed One to raise Him from the dead and to position Him at His right hand in heaven. There is nothing over Him. 21 He's above all rule, authority, power, and dominion; over every name invoked(cancer, etc.), over every title bestowed in this age and the next.

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EPHESIANS 1:19: versions

CSB
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power **toward** us who believe, according to the mighty working of his strength.
CEB
and what is the **overwhelming greatness** of God's power that **is** working **among** us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God's powerful strength.
CJB
and how **surpassingly great** is his power working **in** us who trust him. It works with the **same** mighty strength he used…..

DLNT
...and what is the surpassing greatness of His power **toward** us
DRA
And what is the exceeding greatness of his power **towards** us, who believe according to the operation of the might of his power,
ESV
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power **toward** us
GNV
And what is the exceeding greatness of his power **toward** us,
KJV
And what is the exceeding greatness of his power **to us-ward** who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,
MEV
and what is the surpassing greatness of His power **toward** us
MOUNCE
and what is the incomparable greatness of his power **available for us**
NOG
You will also know the unlimited greatness of his power as it works with might and strength **for** us, the believers.
NCB
and how immeasurably great is the power that he has exercised **toward** those who have faith.
NET
and what is the incomparable greatness of his power toward us who believe, as displayed in the exercise of his immense strength.
NIRV
And you will know God's great power. It can't be compared with anything else. His power works **for** us who believe.
NMB
and what is the exceeding greatness of his power **in** us who believe pursuant to the working of that his mighty power,

NRSVA
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power **for** us
NRSVACE
and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power **for** us who believe
NTE
and you will know the outstanding greatness of his power **towards** us who are loyal to him in faith
WYC
and which is the excellent greatness of his virtue **into** us that have believed,
YLT
and what the exceeding greatness of His power **to** us who are believing

Closing reading:

Ephesians 1:15-19-20-23 The Message

That's why, when I heard of the solid trust you have in the Master Jesus and your outpouring of love to all the followers of Jesus, I couldn't stop thanking God for you—every time I prayed, I'd think of you and give thanks. But I do more than thank. I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work **in** us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength! All this

energy issues **from Christ**: God raised him from death and set him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from his rule. And not just for the time being, but **forever**. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules the church. The church, you see, is not peripheral to the world; the world is peripheral to the church. The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence.

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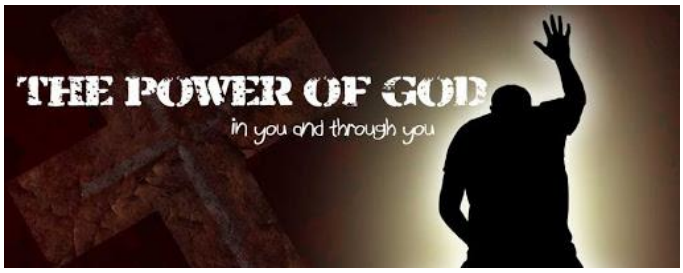
The SAME Power that raised Christ from the dead:
For you (22 times in various versions)
Among you (1 time)
In you (13 times)
To you (4 times)
Toward you (19 times)
Available to you/work through you (2 times)
To us-ward (4 times)
Into you (1 time)



Father,
I now pray for those listening and studying this wonderful revelation that You ARE making the SAME Power available to work for, in and toward them that You exerted when You raised Your Son from the dead.

Father, this Mighty Power destroyed the chains of death and quickened His body with immortal life.

You give us and minister to and in us this power to save, heal, deliver and restore us.

I pray for anyone who needs healing to drink deeply of this revelation of the Resurrection Power that is With and Flowing to them by Your Holy Spirit.

I thank You that they sense the quickening in THEIR BODY,
In Jesus' Name.
Amen