*Northwest Bible Church – Sept. 25, 2005              Worship Service – Alan Conner***Rom. 15:30-33***Paul’s Prayer*

**INTRO**
**A. TWO AMAZING THINGS ABOUT THIS REQUEST.**

    1) The giftedness of Paul

    2) The doctrine of Paul.

**B. PAUL’S REQUEST FOR PRAYER (vv. 30-33).**
        Paul knew the power and importance of prayer. He frequently requested in his letters to the churches that they pray for him (cf. Eph. 6:18-19; Col. 4:2-3; 2 Thess. 3:1).

    1) The exhortation to the Romans (v. 30). “I urge you.”

    2) The motivations to pray (v. 30).

        a) by the Lord Jesus Christ - cf. all that has been said so far in the latter about Christ.

        b) by the love of the Spirit - the love that the Spirit has produced in our hearts.

    3) The labor of prayer (v. 30). “to strive together with me”

        sunagonizomai: to join with someone else in some severe effort — ‘to join fervently in, to join vigorously in,’ ‘to join fervently with me in prayer to God on my behalf’ Ro 15:30.

        Prayer is often a battle.

        Encouragement of striving prayer:

    4) The specific requests (vv. 31-32).

        a) safety - FROM WHOM? The disobedient Jews. WHY?

        b) service - Paul wanted his ministry to bring a blessing to the saints at Jerusalem.

        c) joyful and refreshing fellowship with them –

            (a) How do you refresh an apostle?

            (b) “by the will of God” – Paul knew that his future was totally in the hands of God. This is not the revealed moral will of God which can be broken but God’s sovereign will.

**C. PAUL’S PRAYER FOR THE ROMANS (v. 33).**
    Benediction –

    “Peace”

    The word “amen” is a most remarkable word.

**CONCLUSION**