



HEBRON

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**Praying for Maturity in the Church**

**1 Thessalonians 3:1-13**

**Main Idea of Sermon:** In Paul's care for the church and prayer for the church, he provides an example of how we should actively love and pray for our church today.

**I. We should be concerned with the well-being of our church. (1-5)**

- Paul is concerned that afflictions will tear them apart.
- Paul is concerned that they will be discouraged by his afflictions.
- Paul is concerned that Satan will remove them from their commitment to Christ.

**II. We should take comfort in the health of our church. (6-8)**

- Paul is comforted by the love displayed toward him by the church.
- Paul is comforted in spite of his own current distress and afflictions.

**III. We should constantly pray for the maturity of our church. (9-13)**

- Paul prays constantly for this church.
- Paul prays for God's providential pathway back to them.
- Paul prays that Jesus will increase their love for each other and others.
- Paul prays that they will be established in holiness at the return of Christ.