

# 2 Corinthians 1:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.

## Analysis

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**Ye also helping together by prayer for us** (συνυπουργούντων ὑμῶν)—synhypourgountōn (συνυπουργούντων, "working together alongside") portrays prayer as collaborative labor, not passive. Deēsis (δεήσει, "petition/supplication") is specific request.

**That for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many**—charisma (χάρισμα, "gift of grace") connects to charis (v. 2); eucharistēthē (εὐχαριστηθῇ, "thanks be given") shares the root. Many pray, many give thanks—corporate intercession yields corporate gratitude.

## Historical Context

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Written around AD 55-56 from Macedonia after Paul's 'painful visit' to Corinth (2:1). The Corinthian church faced challenges to Paul's apostolic authority from 'super-apostles' (11:5) who valued eloquence over cruciform ministry. Paul writes to defend his ministry, explain his changed travel plans, and restore relationship with this fractious congregation.

## Related Passages

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**Colossians 1:16** — All things created through Christ

## Genesis 1:1 — Creation of heavens and earth

### Study Questions

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1. Do I view prayer as 'working together' with God and others, or solitary spiritual activity?
2. How would my prayer life change if I expected prayers to produce gifts requiring public thanksgiving?
3. Who am I praying for whose deliverance would result in 'many' giving thanks?

### Interlinear Text

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συνυπουργούντων	καὶ	ὑμῶν	ὑπὲρ	ἡμῶν	τῇ	δεήσει	
helping together		also	Ye	for	on our behalf	G3588 by prayer	
G4943		G2532	G5216	G5228	G2257	G1162	
ἵνα	ἐκ	πολλῶν	προσώπων	τὸ	εἰς	ἡμᾶς	χάρισμα
that	by	many	persons	G3588	bestowed upon	us	for the gift
G2443	G1537	G4183	G4383		G1519	G2248	G5486
διὰ	πολλῶν	εὐχαριστηθῇ	ὑπὲρ	ἡμῶν			
by	many	thanks may be	for	on our behalf			
G1223	G4183	G2168	G5228	G2257			

### Additional Cross-References

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**Philippians 1:19** (Prayer): For I know that this shall turn to my salvation through your prayer, and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,

**2 Corinthians 4:15** (Parallel theme): For all things are for your sakes, that the abundant grace might through the thanksgiving of many redound to the glory of God.

**Acts 12:5** (Prayer): Peter therefore was kept in prison: but prayer was made without ceasing of the church unto God for him.

**Hebrews 13:18** (Prayer): Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.

**Colossians 4:3** (Prayer): Withal praying also for us, that God would open unto us a door of utterance, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:

**2 Thessalonians 3:1** (Prayer): Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

**Philemon 1:22** (Prayer): But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I trust that through your prayers I shall be given unto you.

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