

# 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

**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 (εὐχαριστηθῆ, "thanks be given") shares the root. Many pray, many give thanks—corporate intercession yields corporate gratitude.

## Historical Context

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

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

## 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 G3588 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 εὐχαριστηθῆ 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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