We give thanks to you O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because of the faith we have in Him. We thank You for giving us love for all saints, because of the hope laid up for us in heaven, which was revealed to us through the truth of Your word, the gospel, which came to us and the entire world. We pray that the gospel will continue to bear fruit and increase. Help us Father to understand Your grace in truth more. Help us to be faithful ministers of Christ, for we are His ministers if we share the gospel to those who don’t know Him. Help us to make known the love in Your Spirit and never stop praying, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all spiritual wisdom. Give us understanding so we can walk in a manner worthy of You, fully pleasing to You: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of You; being strengthened with all power according to Your glorious might for all endurance and patience with joy; giving thanks to You because we are now qualified to share in the inheritance of all saints in this life. For we have been delivered from the den of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of Your beloved Son, in whom we have redemption and forgiveness of sins. Because He surpasses all of us with superiority. He is the image of You, for You are invisible and He is the firstborn of all creation and by Him all things were created in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominion or rulers or authorities, with sovereignty and control. All things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things are held together because He is the head of the body which is the church and He is the beginning, the first born from the dead that in everything He might be preeminent [ surpassing all others ].In Him all the fullness was pleased to dwell. We give thanks to You Father for Jesus, for through Him He reconciled [ made Himself consistent with us by what has not been completed ] Himself all things whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by His blood on the cross. We were once alienated and hostile in our thinking, doing evil things. But He reconciled in His body of flesh by His death, in order to present us holy and blameless and above reproach before Him. Father, help us to continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that we have heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven.

 IN JESUS NAME WE PRAY, AMEN !! Evangelist Karen Reed