

STANDING OUT: Stand Kneeling

2 THESSALONIANS 1:11-12

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In these Last Days We Stand by Kneeling

1. Pray with Pointed **Requests** (11).

2. Pray with Particular **Reason** (12a).

3. Pray with Powerful **Resources** (12b).

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To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power,

¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him,

according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. (ESV)

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Discussion Questions:

1. What do you usually ask for in your prayers? How has this passage challenged what we should request in troubled times?
2. **Read Romans 8:26-27.** What should you do when you don't know what to pray for? How does this passage inform the kind of things to focus on in the last days?
3. Does the way you respond to troubling times display the glory of Jesus? What are we afraid of that makes us doubt that Jesus is enough?

Quote for the Week. . .

by William Barclay

"We are trying not so much to make God listen to us as to make ourselves listen to Him; we are trying not to persuade God to do what we want, but to find out what he wants us to do. It so often happens that in prayer we are really saying, "Thy will be changed," when we ought to be saying, "Thy will be done." The first object of prayer is not so much to speak to God as to listen to Him."

