

Paul's Letter to Philemon

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Introduction

1 From Paul, now a prisoner for Christ Jesus from Timothy, a fellow Lord. ² To our dear fellow worker Philemon, to our sister Apphia, to our fellow soldier Archippus; and to the church that meets at Philemon's house; ³ may God, our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and give you peace.

Request regarding runaway slave

4 I always mention you in prayers and God for you, because of the love and the faith which, not only to the Lord Jesus, but also to all his people; ⁶ and I pray that in the faith may result in action, as you come to a fuller

realisation of|strong = "G1722" everything|strong = "G3956"
 that|strong = "G3588" is|strong = "G3588" good|strong = "G3956"
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8And|strong = "G5547" so|strong = "G1352", though|strong = "G1722"
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 you|strong = "G4771" should|strong = "G3588" adopt, ⁹
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 am|strong = "G1510" an|strong = "G2532" ambassador|strong = "H6735"
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 and|strong = "G2532", now|strong = "G1161" a|strong = "G5613"
 prisoner|strong = "G1198" for|strong = "G1223" him|strong = "G3588"
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 plead|strong = "G3870" with|strong = "G1722" you|strong = "G4771"
 for|strong = "G4012" this|strong = "G3588" child|strong = "G5043"
 of|strong = "G4012" mine|strong = "G1699", Onesimus|strong = "G3682",
 to|strong = "G1722" whom|strong = "G3739", in|strong = "G1722"
 my|strong = "G1699" prison|strong = "H1004", I|strong = "G1473"
 have|strong = "G1473" become|strong = "H1961" a|strong = "G1722"
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 great|strong = "G2532" service|strong = "H5656", not|strong = "G3739"
 only|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G4771",
 but|strong = "G1161" to|strong = "G2532" me|strong = "G1473"
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 you|strong = "G4771" with|strong = "G3588" this|strong = "G3778"
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 is|strong = "G1510" like|strong = "H3644" tearing|strong = "H2963"
 out|strong = "G1510" of|strong = "G3588" my|strong = "G1699"
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 own|strong = "G1683" sake|strong = "G5228" I|strong = "G1473"
 should|strong = "G3588" like|strong = "G4314" to|strong = "G4314"
 keep|strong = "G2722" him|strong = "G3588" with|strong = "G1722"
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 while|strong = "G1722" I|strong = "G1473" am|strong = "G1473"
 in|strong = "G1722" prison|strong = "H1004" for|strong = "G5228"
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 to|strong = "G4314" my|strong = "G1722" wants|strong = "H2656"
 on|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G1722" behalf|strong = "G5228". ¹⁴
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 not|strong = "G3361" wish|strong = "G2309" to|strong = "G2443"
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 your|strong = "G4674" consent|strong = "G1106", because|strong = "G1161"
 I|strong = "G1161" want|strong = "G2309" your|strong = "G4674" generosity
 to|strong = "G2443" be|strong = "G1510" voluntary|strong = "G2309"
 and|strong = "G1161" not|strong = "G3361", as|strong = "G5613"
 it|strong = "G1161" were|strong = "G1510", compulsory. ¹⁵
 It|strong = "G1063" may|strong = "G2443" be|strong = "G2443"
 that|strong = "G2443" he|strong = "G3778" was|strong = "G5610"
 separated|strong = "G5563" from|strong = "G1223" you|strong = "G3778"
 for|strong = "G1063" an|strong = "G4314" hour|strong = "G5610",
 for|strong = "G1063" this|strong = "G3778" reason|strong = "G1223",
 so|strong = "G2443" that|strong = "G2443" you|strong = "G3778"
 might|strong = "G5610" have|strong = "G3778" him|strong = "G4314"
 back|strong = "G4314" for|strong = "G1063" ever|strong = "H5769", ¹⁶
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 a|strong = "G5613" slave|strong = "G1401", but|strong = "G1161"
 as|strong = "G5613" something|strong = "H1697" better|strong = "G3123" –
 a|strong = "G5613" dearly|strong = "H0157" loved|strong = "H0157"
 friend|strong = "H7453" and|strong = "G2532" follower of|strong = "G2532"
 the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962", especially|strong = "G3122"
 dear|strong = "H3357" to|strong = "G2532" me|strong = "G1473",
 and|strong = "G2532" how|strong = "G5613" much|strong = "G4214"
 more|strong = "G3123" so|strong = "G2532" to|strong = "G2532"
 you|strong = "G4771", not|strong = "G3756" only|strong = "G3756"
 as|strong = "G5613" a|strong = "G5613" person|strong = "H5315",
 but|strong = "G1161" as|strong = "G5613" your|strong = "G2962"
 fellow|strong = "G4561" Christian! ¹⁷ If|strong = "G1487",

then|strong = "G3767", you|strong = "G1487" count|strong = "G2192"
 me|strong = "G1473" your|strong = "G2192" friend|strong = "H7453",
 receive|strong = "G4355" him|strong = "G4355" as|strong = "G5613"
 you|strong = "G1487" would|strong = "H0014" me|strong = "G1473". ¹⁸
 If|strong = "G1487" he|strong = "G1161" has|strong = "G3778"
 caused|strong = "H5414" you|strong = "G4771" any|strong = "G5100"
 loss|strong = "H2398", or|strong = "G2228" owes|strong = "G3784"
 you|strong = "G4771" anything|strong = "G5100", charge|strong = "G1677"
 it|strong = "G1161" to|strong = "G5100" me|strong = "G1473". ¹⁹
 I|strong = "G1473", Paul|strong = "G3972", put|strong = "G2532"
 my|strong = "G1699" own|strong = "G1699" hand|strong = "G5495"
 to|strong = "G2443" it|strong = "G2532" – I|strong = "G1473"
 will|strong = "G2532" repay|strong = "H7999" you|strong = "G4771"
 myself|strong = "G1473". I|strong = "G1473" say|strong = "G3004"
 nothing|strong = "G3361" about|strong = "G3754" your|strong = "G2532"
 owing me|strong = "G1473" your|strong = "G2532" self|strong = "G4572". ²⁰
 Yes|strong = "G3483", friend|strong = "H7453", let|strong = "G3685"
 me|strong = "G1473" gain|strong = "H1215" something|strong = "H1697"
 from|strong = "G3588" you|strong = "G4771" because|strong = "G1722"
 of|strong = "G2962" your|strong = "G2962" union|strong = "H2260"
 with|strong = "G1722" the|strong = "G1722" Lord|strong = "G2962".
 Cheer|strong = "H2895" my|strong = "G1722" heart|strong = "G4698"
 by|strong = "G1722" your|strong = "G2962" Christlike
 spirit|strong = "G3588".

21Even|strong = "G2532" as|strong = "G2532" I|strong = "G3739"
 write|strong = "G1125", I|strong = "G3739" have|strong = "G2532"
 such|strong = "G3588" confidence|strong = "G3982" in|strong = "G2532"
 your|strong = "G2532" compliance with|strong = "G2532"
 my|strong = "G3708" wishes|strong = "H2654", that|strong = "G3754"
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 that|strong = "G3754" you|strong = "G4771" will|strong = "G2532"
 do|strong = "G4160" even|strong = "G2532" more|strong = "G5228"
 than|strong = "G5228" I|strong = "G3739" am|strong = "G2532"
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 get|strong = "G2090" a|strong = "G2532" lodging|strong = "G3578"
 ready|strong = "G2090" for|strong = "G1063" me|strong = "G1473",
 for|strong = "G1063" I|strong = "G1473" hope|strong = "G1679"
 that|strong = "G3754" I|strong = "G1473" will|strong = "G2532"
 be|strong = "G2532" given|strong = "G5483" back|strong = "H7725"
 to|strong = "G2532" you|strong = "G5210" all|strong = "G2532"
 in|strong = "G2532" answer|strong = "H6030" to|strong = "G2532"
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23 Epaphras, who is my fellow prisoner for Christ Jesus, sends you his greeting; ²⁴ and Marcus, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers, send theirs.

25 May the blessing of our Lord Jesus Christ rest on your souls.