

# Daily Prayer

THURSDAY, JULY 2

Today's prayer is based on I Timothy 1.1-2, ESV.

*Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,  
To Timothy, my true child in the faith:*

*Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Heavenly Father, thank you for working in Paul's life in such a way  
that he knew he was sent by you, the great Originator of our salvation,  
and by your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, on whom all our hopes depend.

Thank you for this letter of instruction that he, a seasoned veteran in the faith,  
wrote to mentor Timothy, whose commitment to the faith was evident.

Keep me true.

Make my faith as observable as Timothy's.

Lord, help me walk in your grace.

Help me diffuse the ticking time-bomb of my heart  
that will not stop trying to justify itself.

Lord, have mercy on me.

The punishment I deserve has been laid on Jesus -  
and he has given me access to *his* account!

Lord, give me peace.

Peace with you.

Peace with myself.

Peace with others.

Lord, I know you want grace, mercy and peace to be living realities for me.

Please establish me in them, in Christ,  
for his kingdom's sake. Amen.

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God wants us to pray, and he wants to hear our prayers - not because we are worthy, but because he is merciful.

- Martin Luther