## PRAYER GUIDE FROM 1 THESSALONIANS FOR "KEEPING FAITH"

Who are the people in your church community (starting with your local church and then beyond) that you are committing to pray for? Use the space below to make a list of people to pray for.

(1) **Prayer of Thanksgiving -** Give thanks to God for the people in your church community and remember their good works of faith before God. *Use the following scripture as a starting point for this prayer.* 

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Thessalonians 1:2–3, ESV)

(2) **Prayer for God's Provision** - Ask God to supply what is lacking in the faith of those in your church community. *Use the following scripture as a starting point for this prayer.* 

"For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints." (1 Thessalonians 3:9–13, ESV)

(3) **Prayer for God's Power** - Entrust those you are praying for to the faithful power of God to preserve them in the way of Jesus, body and soul, until the coming of Jesus. *Use the following scripture as a starting point for this prayer.* 

"Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it." (1 Thessalonians 5:23–24, ESV)