



1 Thessalonians 5 (NRSV)

16 Rejoice always (*pantote*), 17 pray without ceasing (*adialeiptōs*), 18 give thanks in all circumstances (*en panti*); for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Matthew 6 (NRSV)

5 “And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.”

7 “When you are praying, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

Acts 16 (NRSV)

6 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. 8 So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. 9 During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” 10 After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Philippians 4 (NRSV)

12 I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13 I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

Gaps in connectivity hinder the ability to communicate.

adialeiptōs: nothing left between, without _____.

Mind the gaps:

1. Fill them with _____
 - Active prayer
 - Your words
 - Our words; participate, don't _____
 - Their words
 - *Shema* and *V'ahavta*, Lord's Prayer, Psalms, Prayer of St. Francis. . .
2. Fill them with _____
 - Passive prayer/ active listening
 - Acts 16

Rejoice (always), pray (without ceasing), and give thanks (in all circumstances).
