

## Daily Devotional, October 27, 2020

### “Prosper in All Things”, (3 John 2, NKJV)

*“Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.” (3 John 2)*

The Third Epistle of John is a personal letter, which the venerable apostle wrote to a certain man by the name of Gaius. His deep concern and compassion for all people, especially the brethren, is characteristic of all Christians who are worth their salt. Note that John prays for the whole man. He prays not only for Gaius’ physical well-being, but for his spiritual well-being even more so. Let us also be diligent to pray for folks in all four of these areas—physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Good physical health is a wonderful thing when we have it, and it is human nature to only appreciate it when it has been removed. We pray for physical healing, and God answers those prayers many times. Yet sometimes, as in the cases of Job and Paul, there is a divine purpose behind His allowing physical illnesses to come upon us. Though the Lord heals us physically again and again throughout our lives, the fact remains that these shells will weaken over time, and will one day go to the earth and decay. There will come a day when physical healing will not occur. What of mental and emotional health? Strength in these areas ought to be conducive to us coming to terms with certain things, that our minds and emotions might be set in such a way as to be prepared to receive God’s peace. Spiritual prosperity, of all of these things, is our greatest need, because it leads to the betterment of our eternal souls. Through faith in God through Jesus Christ, the eternal soul has eternal life with Him. In the meanwhile, we can have spiritual peace in knowing that whatever trials, whatever sorrow, whatever changes, come our way, God Himself is right there walking with us, even carrying us through when that need arises. So when illness and troubles come, let us learn not only to pray regarding those specifics, but also for the spiritual wherewithal to get through. May we pray after this manner both for ourselves and for others.