

PAUL'S LETTER TO PHILEMON

F¹rom Paul, a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy -

T²o our friend and fellow worker Philemon, and the church that meets in your house, and our fellow soldier Archippus:

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May God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace

B⁴rother Philemon, every time I pray, I mention you and give thanks to my God.⁵ For I hear of your love for all of God's people and the faith you have in the Lord Jesus.

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Kperem bu ka nzeke anyi na gi ka ndi
nkye chineke bu ka anyi heterite nzezi nke
ndi nne christ nweteve anyi.

my prayer is that our fellowship with you as believers will bring about a deeper understanding of every blessing which we have in our life in union with Christ

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our love, dear brother, has brought me great joy and much encouragement! You have cheered the hearts of all of God's people.

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For this reason I could not be bold enough, as your brother in Christ, to order you to do what should be done.

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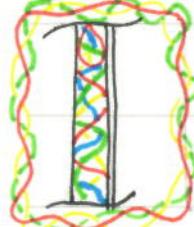
Derfor undskont jeg kunne med stor frimodighed i Kristus befale dig dit som er tilbørlig saa beder jeg dig dog hellere for Kærlighedens skyld saadan som jeg er som den gamle Paulus og nu tilmed Kristi Jesu Fange

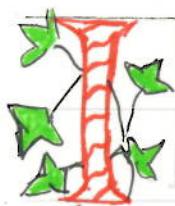
But because I love you, I make a request instead. I do this even though

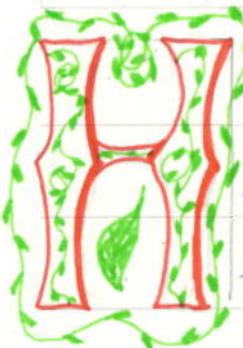
I am Paul the Ambassador of Jesus Christ and at present a prisoner for his sake.

 ¹⁰ I make a request to you on behalf of Onesimus, who is my own son in Christ; for while in prison I have become his spiritual father.

 ¹¹ At one time he was of no use to you, but now he is useful both to you and to me.

 ¹² I am sending him back to you now, and with him goes my heart.

 ¹³ I would like to keep him here with me, while I am in prison for the gospel's sake, so that he could help me in your place.



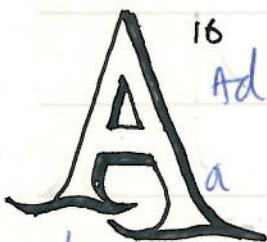
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However, I do not want to force you to help me; rather, I would like for you to do it of your own free will. So I will not do anything unless you agree.



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It may be that Onesimus was away from you for a short time so that you might have him back for all time.



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And now he is not just a slave, but much more than a slave: he is a dear brother in Christ. How much he means to me! And how much more he will mean to you, both as a slave and as a brother in the Lord!



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So, if you think of me as your partner, welcome him back just as you would welcome me.¹⁸ If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to my account.

M¹⁹ yfi Paul a'i hysgriferais â m llaw fy
hun, myfi a'i talaf: fel na ddywedwlf
wrthyt, dy fod yn fy nyled i ym
mhellach am danat dy hun krefyd.

Here, I will write this with my own hand: [I, Paul will
pay you back] (I should not have to remind you
of course, that you owe your very self to me)

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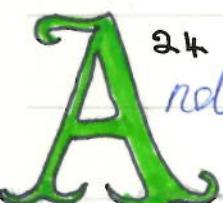
Ay, brither, lar me hae this guid
o ye, an mak my heart lightsomer
in Christ.²¹ In scriven this, I lippen
on your daein as I bid ye: deed,
ken ye will dae mair nor I am
seekin o ye.

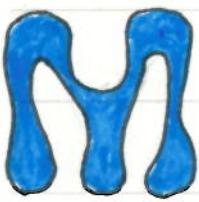
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So my brother, please do me this favour for the Lord's sake;
as a brother in Christ, cheer me up!²¹ I am sws, as I
write this, that you will do what I ask - in fact I
know that you will do even more.

22 At the same time get a room ready for me because I hope that God will answer the prayers of all of you and give me back to you

23  Paphias, who is in prison with me for the sake of Christ Jesus, sends you his greetings

24  And so do my coworkers Mark, Aristarchus, Demas and Luke.

25  May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.