1 From Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy;  
   To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
2 Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, and rightly so, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of each one of you for one another is also increasing.

4 Therefore we ourselves boast about you in the churches of God for your endurance and faith in all your persecutions and afflictions which you are undergoing.

5 This is the evidence of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that you may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you also suffer.

6 For it is right for God to repay with affliction those who afflict you,
7 and provide relief for you who are being afflicted, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels.

8 With flaming fire he will inflict vengeance on those who do not know God, and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.

9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction away from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

10 When he comes on that day, he will be glorified among his saints, and admired by all those who have believed, indeed you did believe our testimony to you.

11 To this end we pray for you always, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and fulfill every good desire and work of faith, with power,

12 that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
2 Thessalonians 2

1 Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our being gathered to him, we ask you brothers
2 not to be easily shaken in mind, or alarmed, either by a spirit, word, or a letter supposed to be from us, alleging that the day of the Lord has already come.
3 Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come until the falling away comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the one destined to destruction.
4 He opposes and exalts himself over every so-called god or object of worship; so that he will sit in the temple of God, setting himself up as God.
5 Do you not recall that when I was still with you, I told you these things?
6 Now you know what is restraining him, so that he will be revealed when his time comes.
7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. However there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way.
8 Then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will destroy with the breath of his mouth, and bring him to nothing by the splendor of his coming.
9 The coming of the lawless one will be by the working of Satan with all power, signs and lying wonders and
10 with every kind of wicked deception deceiving those who perish; because they refused to love the truth and so be saved.
11 Consequently God sends them a strong delusion, that they will believe a lie.
12 So all who have not believed the truth, but enjoy evil will be condemned.

13 But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, loved by the Lord, because God chose you from the beginning for salvation through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and belief in the truth.
14 To this he called you through our gospel, so you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.
15 So then, brothers, stand firm, and hold on to the traditions that you were taught, whether by our speech or letter.
16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace,
17 encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.
Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may spread quickly and be honored, just as it was among you,

and that we may be rescued from wicked and evil people. Not everyone has faith.

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you, and guard you from the evil one.

We are confident in the Lord about you, that you are both doing and will continue to do the things that we commanded you.

Now may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the endurance of Christ.

Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you withdraw yourselves from every brother who lives an idle life and not after the tradition they received from us.

For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, for we were not idle when we were among you.

We did not eat anyone’s food without paying for it. Instead we labored and toiled, working day and night, so that we might not burden any of you.

It was not because we had no right, but to make ourselves an example to you, that you should imitate us.

For even when we were with you, we commanded you, “If anyone will not work, he should not eat.”

For we hear of some of you are walking in idleness, refusing to work, yet are busybodies.

Now such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ, that they work quietly and make their own living.

But you, brothers, do not be weary in doing what is right.

If anyone does not obey our word by this letter, take note of that person, do not associate with him, in order that he may be ashamed.

Do not regard him as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand, which is the sign in every letter. This is how I write.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.