

Paul's explanation of Why He Wrote the Letter, His Absence. Another Delay, and his request for prayers.  
Romans 15: 14 – 33

**1. Paul's Reasons for Writing Romans. vs. 14-16**

- a) He wanted to complement them on their spiritual growth. and to continue to help one another in the process.
- b) He wanted them to know they still needed to grow in their faith.

**2. Paul's Reasons for His Absence. vs. 17-21**

- a) He wanted them to know that God had been working through him in powerful ways among the Gentiles.
- b) He wanted them to know that his aim was to preach the gospel where it had never been preached.

**3. Paul's Reasons for Another Delay vs. 22-29**

- a) He wanted them to know he had a great desire to come to them and also go to Spain.
- b) He needed to take an offering for the saints in Jerusalem, after that he would visit them on his way to Spain.

**4. Paul's Requests for Prayer vs 30-33**

- a) He asked them to pray for his safety when he delivered the offering to the saints in Jerusalem.
- b) He asked them to pray that he could come to them with joy by the will of God and be refreshed with them.