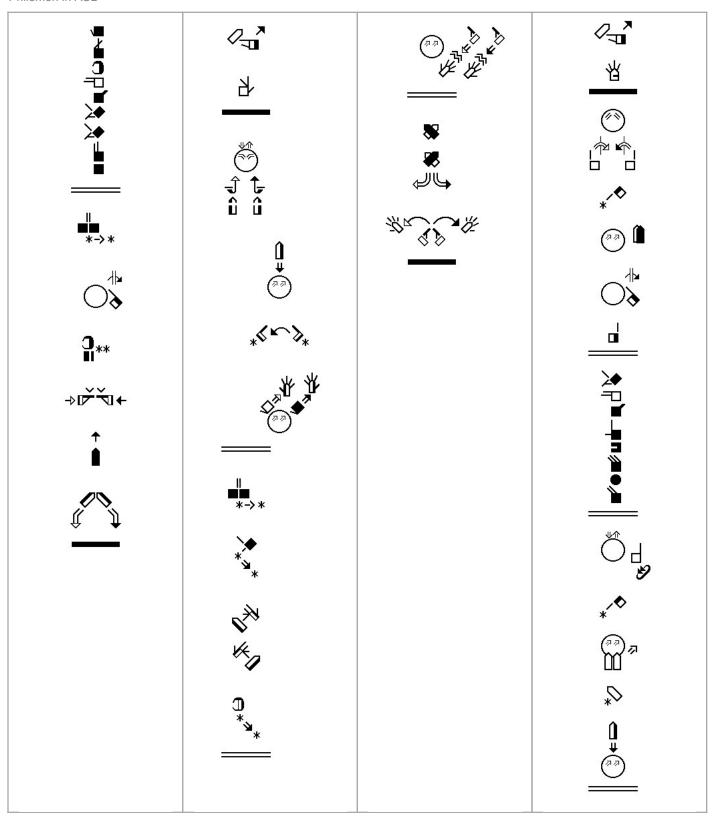


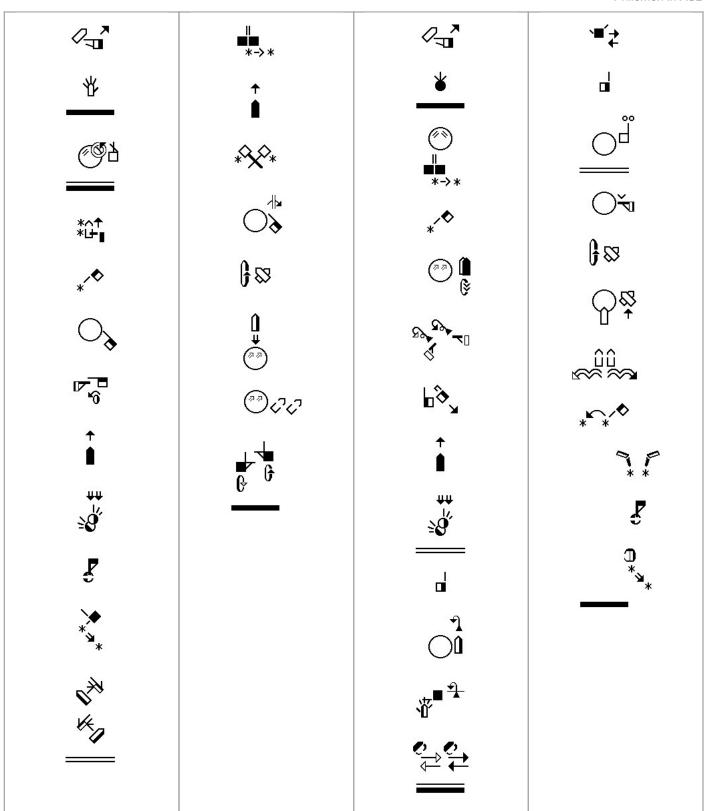
Verse 1. This letter is from Paul, a prisoner for preaching the Good News about Christ Jesus, and from our brother Timothy. I am writing to Philemon, our beloved co-worker, Verse 2. and to our sister Apphia, and to our fellow soldier NLT

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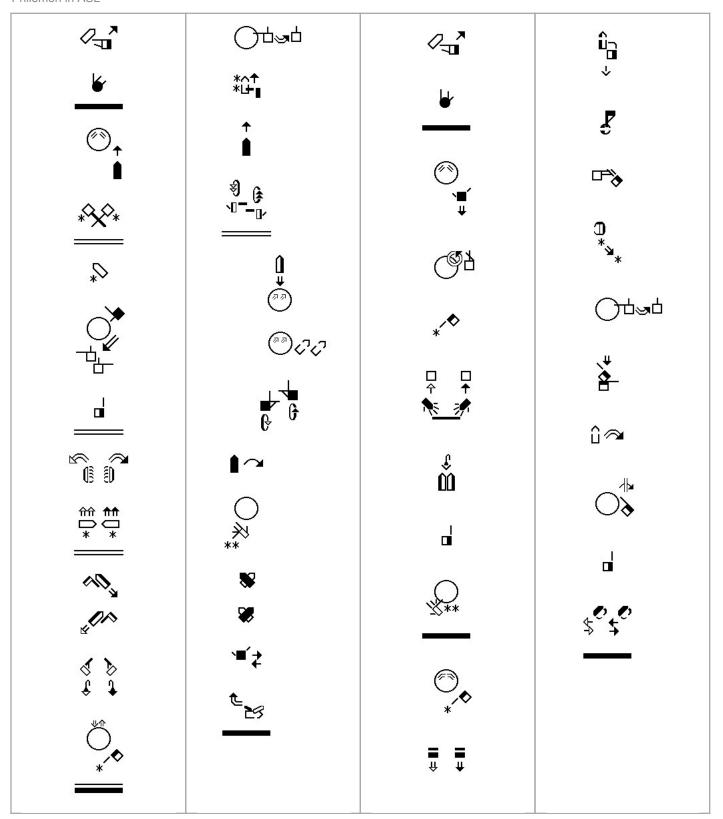


Archippus, and to the church that meets in your house. Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Verse 4. I always thank my God when I pray for you, Philemon,



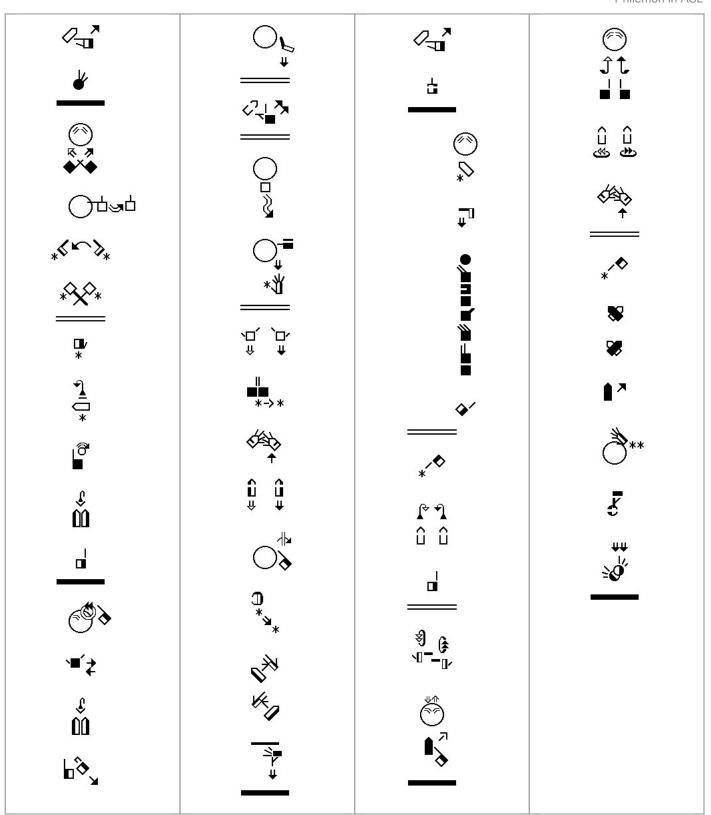
Verse 5. because I keep hearing about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. Verse 6. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ.

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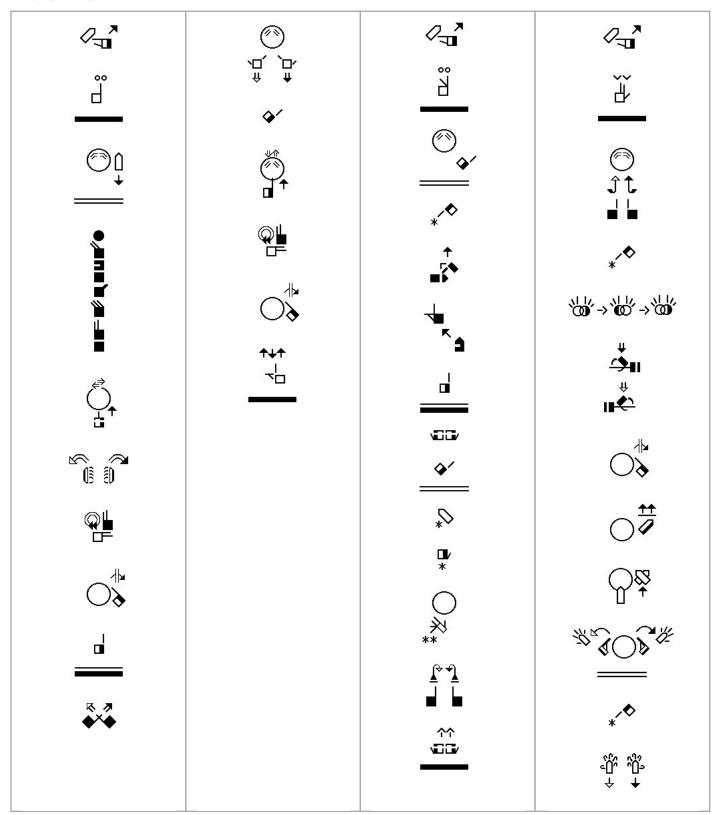


Verse 7. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, my brother, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people. Verse 8. That is why I am boldly asking a favor of you. I could demand it in the name of Christ because it is the right thing for you to do.

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Verse 9. But because of our love, I prefer simply to ask you. Consider this as a request from me -- Paul, an old man and now also a prisoner for the sake of Christ Jesus. Verse 10. I appeal to you to show kindness to my child, Onesimus. I became his father in the faith while here in prison.

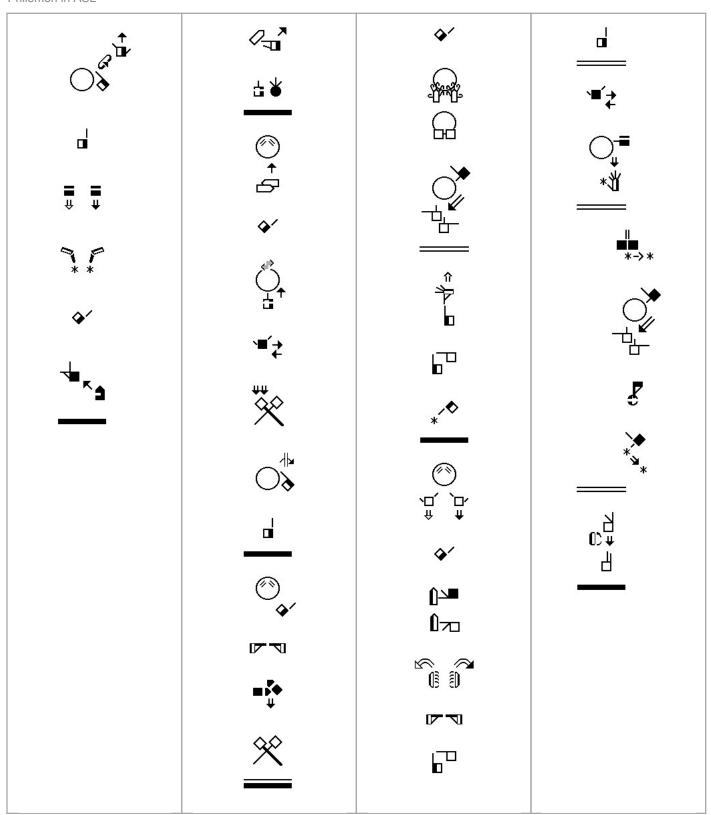


Verse 11. Onesimus hasn't been of much use to you in the past, but now he is very useful to both of us. Verse 12. I am sending him back to you, and with him comes my own heart. Verse 13. I wanted to keep him here with me while I am in these chains for preaching the Good News,

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and he would have helped me on your behalf. Verse 14. But I didn't want to do anything without your consent. I wanted you to help because you were willing, not because you were forced. Verse 15. It seems Onesimus ran away for a little while so NLT

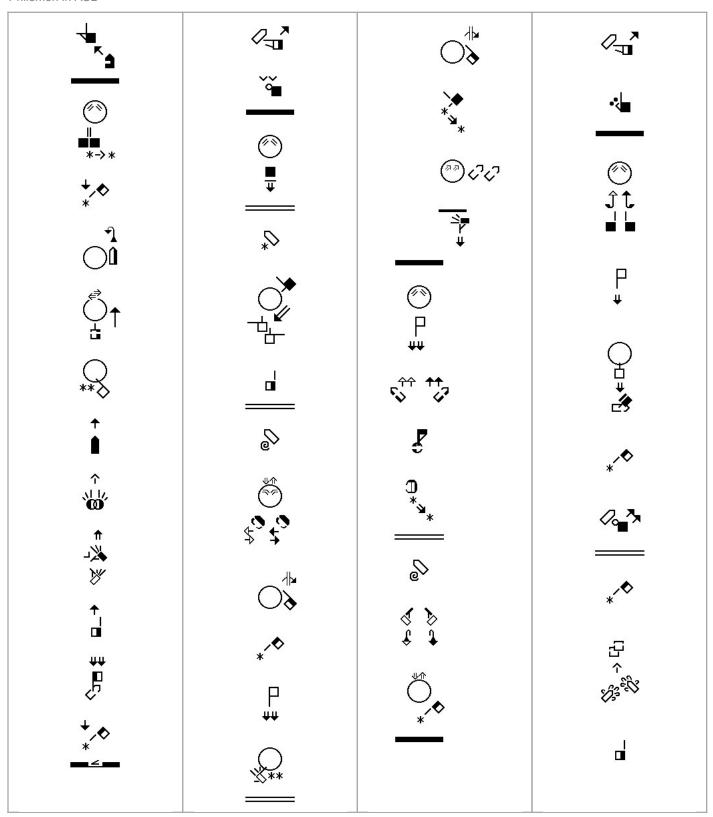
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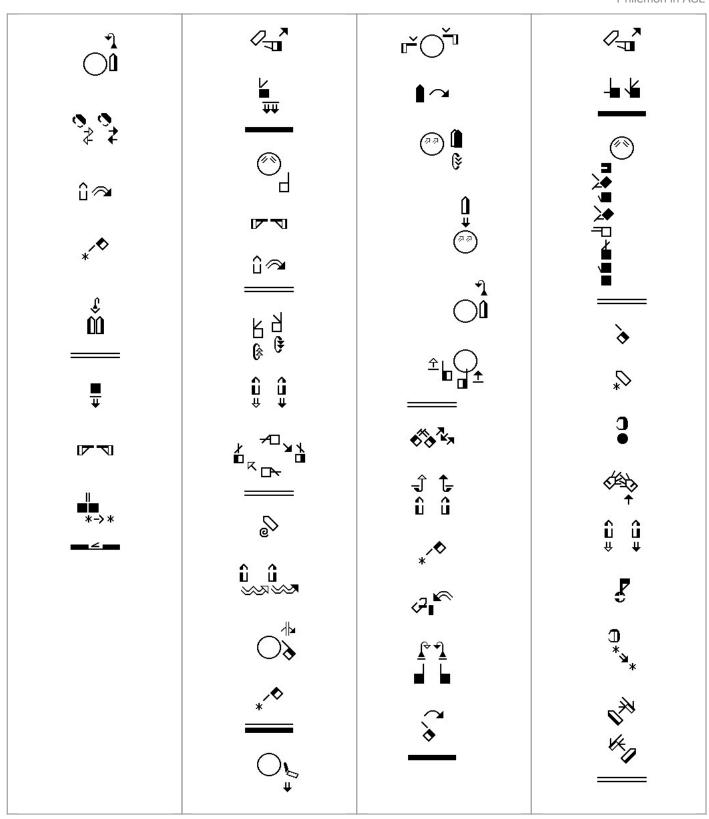
that you could have him back forever. Verse 16. He is no longer like a slave to you. He is more than a slave, for he is a beloved brother, especially to me. Now he will mean much more to you, both as a man and as a brother in the Lord.

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Verse 17. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. Verse 18. If he has wronged you in any way or owes you anything, charge it to me. Verse 19. I, PAUL, WRITE THIS WITH MY OWN HAND: I WILL REPAY IT. NLT



AND I WON'T MENTION THAT YOU OWE ME YOUR VERY SOUL! Verse 20. Yes, my brother, please do me this favor for the Lord's sake. Give me this encouragement in Christ. Verse 21. I am confident as I write this letter that you NLT



will do what I ask and even more! Verse 22. One more thing -- please prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that God will answer your prayers and let me return to you soon. Verse 23. Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus,

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