

# Ephesians 6:18-24

## Points to Consider

1. Pray in the Spirit
2. Be watchful for all the saints
3. Pray that he would speak with boldness

**Eph 6:18-20** - Paul says to pray \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ prayer.

A Christian who is well armored, courageous, and skilled in using the sword of the Spirit, will still \_\_\_\_\_ without prayer!

**2 Sam 5:17-25** - \_\_\_\_\_ David went to battle against the Philistines, he asked God if he should go or not.

He also faithfully \_\_\_\_\_ the Lord's instructions.

When we have put on the armor of God, asked His aid and follow His instructions, He will \_\_\_\_\_ us.

Sometimes we need to go on \_\_\_\_\_ against the devil.

**2 Chron 14:9-14; 2 Chron 20:1-4** - When we are being \_\_\_\_\_ by our enemies, we should pray.

**2 Chron 13:13-18** - When we are in the heat of battle and the devil \_\_\_\_\_ us, we should cry out to the Lord and He will deliver us.

God has more surprises than the devil has!

We are to pray in the \_\_\_\_\_.

Two possibilities: 1. Pray with our spirit. 2. Pray with the help of the Holy Spirit.

**1 Cor 14:13-16** *For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. 15 So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind.* NIV

\_\_\_\_\_ spirits are involved in our prayers.

Holy Spirit in Ephesians (1:13; 2:18,22; 3:5,16; 4:3,4; 5:9,18; 6:17)

**Jude 20-21** *But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.* NKJV

Jude encourage Christians to pray in the \_\_\_\_\_ Spirit.

## Holy Spirit and Prayer

**Rom 8:26-27** *Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.* NKJV

The Spirit makes \_\_\_\_\_ for us when we pray.

### Eph 6:18

We are to pray:

1. On all occasions
  - Public and private (Dedication of Temple - 2 Chron 6:14-42; Jesus – Matt 6:6; Matt 14:23)
  - Prosperity and poverty (David – 1 Chron 29:10-19; Jacob – Gen 28:20-22)
  - Peace and pandemonium (David – Psalm 133; Asa – 2 Chron 14:9-11)
  - Planned and spontaneous (Daniel - Daniel 6:10; Moses- Exodus 15:1-18)
2. With all kinds of prayers
  - Confession (Dan 9:4-14; Neh 9, 1 John 1:8-10)
  - Praise (Psalm 111; Psalm 150; Psalm 119:164-174)
  - Thanksgiving (1 Thess 5:18; Col 3:17; 1 Thes 1:2-7)
  - Request (Mark 11:22-24; 1 John 5:14-15; our text - supplication)

## Be watchful for all the saints

### Eph 6:18

Since we are to continually pray in the Spirit, we should we be \_\_\_\_\_ watching for the Saints.

### Mark 13:32-37 ; Luke 21:34-36

If we are not watchful for the saints, we might all be \_\_\_\_\_ when the devil launches his attacks.

In Hebrews 13:17 we are told to obey and be submissive to our elders because they watch for our souls.  
Notice that our passage says to watch for \_\_\_\_\_ the saints.

In what ways do we watch out for one another?

### From Ephesians:

1. Remind one another of the spiritual blessings we have in Christ. (Eph 1:1-14)
2. Pray for one another's spiritual understanding (Eph 1:15-23)
3. Remind one another that we were all once lost and could only be saved by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:1-13)
4. Focus on using our abilities to equip other saints (Ephesians 4:1-16).
5. Be imitators of God and walk in love and in the light (Ephesians 4:5-7).
6. Help one another with our marriages (Eph 5:22-35).
7. Encourage and warn one another about the tricks of the devil (Eph 6:10-17)

### Other verses

1. Spend time with one another in spiritual discussion (Acts 2:40-47)
2. Help one another financially when needed (Acts 4:32-37)
3. Love one another (John 15:12-17)
4. Serve one another (Gal 5:13)
5. Exhort one another (Heb 10:25)
6. Pray for one another (James 5:16)

We are to be watchful with \_\_\_\_\_ . (Eph 6:18)

**Col 1:9-14** - Paul \_\_\_\_\_ prayed that the saints would be filled with the knowledge of God's will and have wisdom and spiritual understanding.

## **2 Cor 11:24-29**

Paul's concern for the saints caused him to pray for, \_\_\_\_\_ for, and fast for his fellow saints.

**2 Thess 1:11-12** *Therefore we also pray always for you that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfill all the good pleasure of His goodness and the work of faith with power, 12 that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.* NKJV

Paul, Silas, and Timothy prayed \_\_\_\_\_ for the saints in Thessalonica.

They were to be watchful with perseverance and \_\_\_\_\_. (Eph 6:18)  
A supplication is a petition or a request.

Paul's request for the saints:

1. That God would give them the spirit of wisdom (Eph 1:17; Col 1:9)
2. That the Eyes of their understanding would be enlightened (Ep 1:18)
3. That they would know the hope of His calling (Eph 1:18)
4. That they would know the riches of His glory of His inheritance (Eph 1:18)
5. That they would know the exceeding greatness of His power that works in them (Eph 1:19)
6. That they would walk worthy of the Lord and please Him fully (Col 1:10)
7. That they would be fruitful in every good work (Col 1:10)
8. That they would increase in the knowledge of God (Col 1:10)
9. That they would be strengthened with might for patience and longsuffering, with joy (Col 1:11)
10. He thanked God that they were qualified to be partakers of the inheritance (Col 1:12)
11. Etc...

## **Pray for boldness**

**Eph 6:19-20** *and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.* NKJV

Paul knew it was important for him to speak the things of Christ \_\_\_\_\_. He prayed that utterance may be given to him by God so he could speak boldly.  
Utterance – thinking and/or speaking.

**Acts 4:13** *Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ... 29 Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, 30 by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus." 31 And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.* NKJV

The apostles knew the importance of praying that they would have the courage to speak God's word with \_\_\_\_\_.

**Acts 9:27-30** *But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. And he declared to them how he had seen the Lord on the road, and that He had spoken to him, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. 28 So he was with them at Jerusalem, coming in and going out. 29 And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus and disputed against the Hellenists, but they attempted to kill him. 30 When the brethren found out, they brought him down to Caesarea and sent him out to Tarsus.* NKJV

Once Paul was converted to Jesus, he spoke boldly in His name. The result was that people tried to \_\_\_\_\_ him.

**Acts 13:44-47** *On the next Sabbath almost the whole city came together to hear the word of God. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul. 46 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, "It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.* NKJV

In the face of extreme opposition, Paul and Barnabas grew bold and spoke the \_\_\_\_\_. If Paul needed to pray for boldness, don't you think we do as well?

#### Eph 6:21-24

As we close out our lessons from Ephesians let's remember the blessings we have in Christ, the responsibilities we have for Christ, and let us pray for the wisdom and boldness to please Him in everything!