

WALKING WITH JESUS IN THE ARMOR OF GOD

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes” Ephesians 6:11

CCIC BELIEVE THAT

1. CHRIST IS OUR CENTER. Galatians 2:20 “I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.”
 2. LOVE IS OUR BOND. Colossians 3:14 “put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”
 3. GOSPEL IS OUR MISSION. Mark 16:15 “He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.”
- ***“We are Christ centred motivated by love, to fulfil His mission.”***

STRUCTURE

1. TEACH THE WORD. 2Timothy 3:16-17
 2. TEACH TO PRAY. Luke 11:1
 3. TEACH TO LOVE GOD AND THE PEOPLE.
Mark 12:30-31
 4. TEACH TO GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES.
Matthew 28:18-20
- “WE GROW BY THE WORD OF GOD, HAVE POWER THROUGH PRAYER, LEARN TO LOVE GOD BY LOVING HIS PEOPLE, AND GO TO MAKE DISCIPLES.”

TEXT
Ephesians
6:18-20

“¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”

Text
Romans 8:26-
27

“²⁶ In the same way, the **Spirit helps us in our weakness.** We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself **intercedes** for us through wordless groans.
²⁷ And he who **searches** our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the **Spirit intercedes** for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.”

INTRODUCTION

- Understanding the true meaning ,purpose, and power of prayer in the life of a believer.
- Prayer is more than asking God for things. It is a life of dependence on God, communication with Him, and partnership with the Holy Spirit in fulfilling His will.
- Prayer is one of the most important foundations of the Christian life. Yet many believers struggle with prayer because they think it simply asking God to meet their needs.

INTRODUCTION

- Others pray only when they face problems, sickness, danger, or difficulties.
- But Biblical prayer is much deeper than that. In Ephesians 6:18-20 Paul presents prayer as an essential part of spiritual warfare. After describing the full armor of God, he commands believers to pray in the Spirit on all occasions. In Romans 8:26-27, Paul explains that the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to God's will.

INTRODUCTION

- These passages teach us that prayer is not merely a religious activity; it is spiritual relationship and a life of dependence on God.
- Before we learn how to pray effectively, we must first understand what it means to pray.

THE FOUNDATION-

I. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO PRAY?

- Prayer means communicating with God. Ephesians 6:18.
- “And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

1. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

1. "Pray in the Spirit" - what does it mean?
 - Pray under the influence, guidance, and help of the Holy Spirit, rather than relying only on our own understanding, emotions, or words.
 - Romans 8:26." In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans."

THE TRUTH

“Praying in the Spirit is not merely about the words coming out of your mouth; it is about the Spirit guiding your heart towards God.”

A. PRAYER IS SPIRITUAL RELATIONSHIP

A. It is Spiritual **relationship** and a life of dependence with God.

- How can you pray in the Spirit if you don't have relationship with Him?
- John 14:26 " But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. "

THE TRUTH

- "WE DON'T PRAY SIMPLY BECAUSE WE HAVE A PROBLEM. WE PRAY BECAUSE GOD IS OUR FATHER AND WE HAVE ACCESS TO HIM."
- "PRAYER IS NOT PRIMARILY ABOUT CHANGING OUR CIRCUMSTANCES; IT ABOUT BRINGING OURSELVES INTO ALIGNMENT WITH GOD."
- "NOT MY WILL, BUT YOUR WILL BE DONE"
LUKE 22:42.

WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY MEAN TO PRAY

Prayer is more than words. It is relationship, dependence, communion, surrender, and partnership with God.

2. ON ALL OCCASIONS

“On all occasion” - what does this means?

- Paul is teaching us that prayer should not be limited to church services, prayer meeting, or moment of crisis. Prayer belongs in every part of our lives.

2. ON ALL OCCASIONS

- It means maintaining an ongoing awareness of God's presence and turning to Him throughout the day.
- Prayer is not just for the moment when life falls apart; prayer is for every moment of life.

3. WITH ALL KINDS OF PRAYER REQUESTS

What does this mean?

Paul is showing us that prayer is not restricted to one method, one emotion, or any type of request.

The important lesson is that God invites us to bring our whole lives before Him.

We can praise Him, thank Him, confess our sin, ask for help and pray for others.

- Worship and Adoration.
- Thanksgiving.
- Supplication
- Intercession.

4. WITH THIS IN MIND, BE ALERT

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- Paul is telling believers to remain spiritually watchful.
- We need to remember the context.
- To be alert means not living carelessly or becoming spiritually asleep.
- Temptation that could draw us away from God.
- Attitudes such as bitterness, pride, and unforgiveness.
- Opportunities to encourage or help others.

4. WITH THIS IN MIND BE ALERT

Being alert does not mean living in fear or suspecting danger everywhere [negativism]. It means being spiritually awake and dependent on God.

A praying Christian should also be a watchful Christian.

5. AND ALWAYS KEEP ON PRAYING

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

- Paul is emphasizing perseverance in prayer.
- Prayer is not always followed by an immediate answer.
- Persevering in prayer does not mean trying to force God to do what we want. It means continuing to trust Him, seek Him, and remain faithful while we wait. Ex. Abraham.
- *“Perseverance in prayer is not about forcing God’s hand; it is about keeping our hearts turned toward Him.”*

PERSEVERANCE
IN PRAYER

“Do not let a delayed answer become the reason you stop praying. Keep trusting God, even when you cannot yet see what He is doing.”

6. FOR ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- This final phrased shifts our attention from ourselves to the wider family of God.
- Paul is teaching us that prayer is not only personal; it is also communal.
- We are called to carry one another before God.
- We need to pray for those who are: weak in faith, sick or grieving, those facing financial or family difficulties, Church leaders and ministries, those who are facing persecution.

PRAYING FOR ALL THE LORD'S PEOPLE

- Notice that Paul does not say to pray only for the people we like, people who agree with us, or people who can do something for us.
- He says, all the Lord's people. Amen...
- Maturity in prayer is seen not only in how we bring our needs to God, but also in how faithfully we carry the needs of others.

CONCLUSION

SIX LESSONS FROM EPHESIANS 6:18

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1. Pray in the Spirit.

- Depend on the Holy Spirit to help you and guide you.

2. Pray on all occasions.

- Make prayer part of everyday life.

3. Pray with all kinds of prayers.

- Worship, give thanks, ask, confess, and intercede.

CONCLUSION
SIX LESSONS
FROM
EPHESIANS
6:18

4. Be alert.

- Stay spiritually watchful.

5. Keep praying

- Perseverance in faith when answer are delayed.

6. Pray for all believers

- Carry the needs of God's people before Him.