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PART FIVE

“Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.”

CHARLES WESLEY



PRAYER AND BOLDNESS

EPHESIANS 6:18-22 ESV

¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

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²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

²¹ So that you also may know how I am and what I am doing, Tychicus the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord will tell you everything. ²² I have sent him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage your hearts.

"I wonder what would happen to most of our churches and Christian work if we woke up tomorrow morning and everything concerning the reality and work of the Holy Spirit, and everything concerning prayer were removed from the Bible? I don't mean just ignored, but actually cut out—disappeared. I wonder how much difference it would make?"

FRANCIS SCHAEFFER

PRAYER AND BOLDNESS

REVELATION 3:17,19

¹⁷ For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked.

¹⁹ Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent.



PRAYING AT ALL TIMES

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PRAYING ALL TYPES OF PRAYERS

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- Short prayers in the heat of the moment like Nehemiah did
- Long prayers before early in the morning or late at night
- Bible prayers where we pray God's Word back to Him! (Psalms 63)



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- Written prayers through liturgy or other Christians (EX: Valley of Vision)
- Silent prayers in our hearts as we talk to people/go about our work
- Corporate prayers together with those in Church
- Spontaneous prayers throughout our day



PRAYING WITH ALL PERSEVERANCE

EPHESIANS 6:18 ESV

To that end, keep alert with all perseverance

“When we go to God by prayer, the devil knows we go to
fetch strength against him, and therefore he opposes us
all he can.”

RICHARD SIBBES

“If we ‘pray until we pray,’ eventually we come to delight in God’s presence, to rest in His love, to cherish His will.”

D.A. CARSON



PRAYING FOR ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

EPHESIANS 6:18-19 ESV

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mystery of the gospel



OUR POSTURE: BOLD AMBASSADORS

EPHESIANS 6:19-20 ESV

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“What concerns Paul most however, is not that his wrist may be unchained, but that his mouth may be opened in testimony; not that he may be set free, but that the gospel may be spread freely!”

JOHN STOTT

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