

Clearwater Community Church



8.06.17 Sermon: The Importance of Prayer in Spiritual Warfare

Ephesians 6:18–20: Sermon Summary

Two necessary actions for taking up the armor to engage the enemy:

- Pray
- Watch

How these actions are utilized in spiritual warfare:

- Every prayer and petition
- Constantly
- By the Spirit
- With obstinate persistence

For whom we pray:

- For all our fellow holy ones
- For those proclaiming and defending the gospel

Main Point: Believers must continually pray for one another if they are to receive the power of Jesus Christ to defeat the spiritual enemies they face in this war.

Discussion Questions:

- Discuss how the actions in these verses relate to the armor of God.
- 2. When you pray, how do you pray? What makes up the content of your prayers? What do the requests that you make to God reveal about the focus of your prayers?
- 3. Discuss what is meant by the different terms used to describe how we are to pray in v. 18.
- 4. What, or maybe better, who is missing from the list of those we are to pray for at the end of v. 18 and beginning of v. 19?
- 5. Describe how we should be praying for those who proclaim and defend the gospel (vv. 19–20). Whom should this list include?
- 6. Seeing the manner and content of Paul's instructions for prayer in this text, how should your prayer life change?

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