



## REVIVAL PRAYER PODCAST

# “Prayer Shield for Second Wave”

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*“<sup>18</sup> 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, <sup>19</sup> and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.” Ephesians 6:18–20*

Paul asks for prayer at least seven times in Scripture. (Rom. 15:30-32; 2 Cor. 1:10-11; Eph. 6:19; Phil. 1:19; Col. 4:2-4; 1 Thes. 5:24-25; 2 Thes. 3:1-2; Phil. 1:22) If Paul asks for prayer, how much more does every leader in the Second Wave need to ask for prayer.

There are two primary reasons why people do not ask for prayer: pride and unbelief.

### **1) Pride**

Pride says, *“I do not need prayer.”* Or, *“I do not deserve prayer.”* Both of these are not true. We need to humble ourselves to recognize that we need prayer and that we deserve prayer.

Pride says, *“I can do it myself.”* Or, *“I cannot trust others.”* Both of these statements are not true. We need other people and we can trust others to pray for us.

### **2) Unbelief**

Unbelief says, *“God does not answer prayer.”* This most certainly is not true! Prayer is the means by which the supernatural works.

Unbelief says, *“It does not matter if you ask for prayer. This is a waste of time.”* Asking for prayer is never a waste of time. Never listen to the lies of the enemy.

There are several reasons every leader ought to ask for prayer. Here are a few.

**1) Humble yourself.** Any action that requires humility is worth practicing. Asking for prayer is one of these.

*“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble... Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.” James 4:6 and 10*

**2) Supernatural results require supernatural power.** If you want to do things on your own, you will not bear fruit. If you want to bear fruit, you must learn to pray and ask God (and others) for help.

*“I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5*

### **3) Specific requests yield specific answers to prayer.**

Paul asks for church in Ephesus to pray *“for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”* Ephesians 6:19-20

*“You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.”* 2 Corinthians 1:11

**4) Builds community.** If you want to go somewhere fast, do it alone. If you want to go somewhere far, do it with others. Asking people to pray for you builds a team.

*“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. <sup>10</sup> For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!”* Ecclesiastes 4:9–10

### **5) Answers to prayer and Kingdom advanced.**

*“The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.”* James 5:16

*“What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”* Philippians 1:18–20

### **What to request**

1. Protection
2. Direction
3. Revelation
4. Harvest

### **Protection**

In the same way healing is a supernatural answer to prayer, so too protection is a supernatural answer to prayer. Healing is a reactive supernatural miracle. Protection is a proactive supernatural miracle. When praying for protection, pray that God would protect you in five ways.

1. Physical
2. Relational
3. Financial
4. Emotional and Intellectual
5. Moral

### **How to Build Prayer Shield**

1. Ask people if they will pray for you consistently. Some will pray for you regularly and others will pray for you daily.
2. Let them know how you will communicate with them (email, text, whatsapp, etc.) and how often you will update them with praises and prayers.
3. Keep people updated. Celebrate answers to prayer and share specific prayer requests.
4. Keep asking new people to join your prayer shield.

### **Principle**

As your ministry grows and expands, so too your prayer shield must grow. Ask God for more people to pray for you. Invite new intercessors to pray for you regularly.