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- Eph 6:14-17
¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷ and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God...

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- Eph 6:18
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,

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What is the degree of this desire. It is very importunate; it is his soul that pants, his soul that thirsts, which denotes not only the sincerity, but the strength, of his desire. His longing for the water of the well of Bethlehem was nothing to this. He compares it to the *panting of a hart*, or deer, which is naturally hot and dry, especially of a hunted buck, *after the water-brooks*.

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Thus earnestly does a gracious soul desire communion with God, thus impatient is it in the want of that communion, so impossible does it find it to be satisfied with any thing short of that communion, and so insatiable is it in taking the pleasures of that communion when the opportunity of it returns, still thirsting after the full enjoyment of him in the heavenly kingdom.

Matthew Henry, Commentary on Psalm 42

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- Eph. 6:18
- At all times
- With all prayer
- With all perseverance
- For all the saints

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- At All Times
- Romans 8:26-27
26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. 27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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- With All Prayer
- Psa. 62:8
- Jas. 5:13
- Heb. 4:16
- Col. 4:2

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- With All Prayer
- *“The primary issue in prayer is not obtaining what we want; but allowing God to display His glory.”*

John MacArthur “Lord, Teach Me to Pray”

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- With All Perseverance
- 1 Pet. 5:8
- Luke 18:1-8
- Rev. 22:20
- *“Prayerlessness is our declaration of independence from God.”*
Daniel Henderson *“Transforming Prayer”*

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- For All the Saints
- Samuel, in 1 Sam 12:23
- Paul, in Col. 1:9
- Jesus, in John 17:20-21
- Gal. 6:2
- 1 Thess. 5:17

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• How To:

1. Transforming Prayer; How Everything Changes When You Seek God's Face. – Daniel Henderson
2. II Cor. 3:18
3. Col 1:10

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• How To:

- Sunday: Pray for our church and like-minded churches.
- Monday: Pray for personal ministries.
- Tuesday: Pray for extended family.
- Wednesday: Pray for friends through the years.
- Thursday: Pray for missionaries and political leaders.
- Friday: Pray for the unsaved.
- Saturday: Pray for ministries at Cornerstone.

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- Opportunities to pray:
 - Every Sunday Morning – 8:15am to 8:45am
 - First Sunday night of the month 6-7pm
 - Ladies prayer circle 2nd and 4th Fridays, 9-10am
 - Quarterly prayer sheets
 - Daily prayer text sign up: text “CBCPray” to 317-854-5443
 - CBC Missions Connection email

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- Personal Application:

1. Commit to one or two ways to grow in prayer.
2. Share your commitment with a friend.
3. Rejoice as God changes you.

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- 1 Chron 29: 10-13

“Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

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- 1 Chron 29: 10-13 cont.

¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

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