



## Stand in Prayer & Perseverance

Ephesians 6:18-20

**Ephesians 6:11-20, A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.** <sup>11</sup> Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup> Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. <sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. <sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. <sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.<sup>19</sup> And

pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. <sup>20</sup> I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

**I. God wants us to remember that prayer keeps us connected to Him.** Ephesians 6:8;  
John 15:4-5; 1 THESS 5:17

**Ephesians 6:18, Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.**

**John 15:4-5, Abide in me, as I also remain in you... apart from me you can do nothing.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17, Pray without ceasing.**

**Ephesians 6:18, Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.**

**II. God wants us to realize that prayer keeps us spiritually alert.** EPH 6:18; 1 Peter 5:8

**1 Peter 5:8, Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.**

### III. God does not want us to be selfish with our prayers. EPH 6:18; Galatians 6:2

**Ephesians 6:18,** ...keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

**Galatians 6:2,** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

**Ephesians 6:19,** And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.

### IV. God reminds us that prayer is rocket fuel for the mission. EPH 6:19; James 5:16; COL 4:2

**James 5:16,** The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

**Colossians 4:2,** Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

#### Apply God's TRUTH...

1. Will you determine to STAND protected by putting on the pieces of God's armor daily?

2. Will you commit to stay connected through prayer—for yourself AND for others?
3. Will you purpose to be bold in your mission, because the Gospel is worth proclaiming, even when it's hard?
4. Will you set three prayer alarms—morning, mid-day, and evening? When they go off, pause and pray with intentionality.