

EPHESIANS

The Power of Prayer

Main Scripture: Ephesians 6:18

Pray at all times.

(Mat 6:6, 1 Thes 5:16-18)

Stay alert!

(1 Pet 5:8)

Pray with all kinds of prayer.

(Eph 1:3-5)

Pray with all perseverance.

Pray for all kinds of people.

(2 Chron 7:14)

Next Steps

1. Admit how you feel about prayer today. “Holy Spirit I admit I feel _____ about prayer today.”
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you where you are vulnerable to the attacks of the devil.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one way that you can grow in your superpower of prayer today.
4. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you a person or people you can pray for today.
5. Will you ask the Holy Spirit to activate the armour of God in your life through a renewed commitment to pray?

Here are the 20+ types of prayer I brainstormed for this message, *The Power of Prayer*.

Read through the list and let me know what you think. Send me thoughts and questions: prayer@heartlandalliance.ca

1. Freedom Prayer
2. Identity Prayer
3. Listening Prayer
4. Declaration Prayer
5. Warfare Prayer
6. Peace Prayer
7. Breath Prayer
8. Start and End Prayer
9. Moving Prayer
10. Intercessory Prayer
11. Petitioning Prayer
12. Praise Prayer
13. Affirmation Prayer
14. Noontime Prayer
15. Opposite Prayer
16. Armour Prayer
17. Groaning Prayer
18. Way of Escape Prayer
19. Words to Say Prayer
20. Gratitude Prayer
21. Directional Prayer
22. Resurrection Prayer
23. Heaven Prayer
24. Courage Prayer

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The Small Group Sermon Study
Ephesians 6:18



Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus’ name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
 - a. Do you have an intentional “prime time” each day that you set aside to spend with God? What do you need to help you to establish that prime time? How can we as a small group help you with that?
 - b. How alert are you to the attacks of the enemy? Are you aware of the key ways the devil will try and harm you? How could we as a small group stay alert for each other? What about staying alert for our group?
 - c. In what kinds of prayer do you want to grow? How could we as a group encourage each other to grow in different kinds of prayer?
 - d. On a scale of 1-10 how is your perseverance in your faith in Jesus and in prayer (1 being low and 10 being high)? Share those two numbers with the group. What support do you need to move those numbers higher on the scale?
3. What don’t you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.

4. What emotions does this passage, or the key theme, stir up in you?
5. For which piece of the armour of God could you be praying more for yourself (truth, righteousness/goodness, peace, faith, salvation/freedom, promises of God/sword of the Spirit)?
6. Who could you commit to pray for in the next week? Which piece of the armor of God could you pray for them?

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to help your group to grow in prayer and standing strong against the schemes of the devil. Share with the group any experiences you had as you went through this exercise. Pray a blessing on each other and ask the Lord for His presence to surround you like a cone of protection.