

Armor Up by
Praying in the Spirit

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READ: Ephesians 6:10–20

- **Ephesians 6:18–20 (NIV)****18** And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. **19** Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, **20** for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

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God Has Designed Battle Hardened Pieces Of Armor:

- 1. Truth -- Which Resists Falsehood***
- 2. Righteousness -- Which Resists Attacks On Character***
- 3. Peace -- Which Resists Attacks On The Mind***
- 4. Faith -- Which Resists Doubt***
- 5. Salvation -- Which Resists Bondage and Damnation***

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Two Offensive Weapons Included In The Armor Of God:

(1) The Sword Of The Spirit -- The Word Of God

(2) Praying In The Spirit

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The Action Involved In Warfare (6:18–20).

- ***Pray in the Spirit on all occasions***
- ***Pray with all kinds of prayers and requests.***
- ***Be Alert***
- ***Continually pray for the Lord's people.***
- ***Pray also for Spiritual Leaders***

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The Word Offers The Terms Being Wrestled Over

- ***We Learn What We Need To Go To Battle Over***
- ***We Find Priorities In The Word -- By The Sword Of The Spirit --That Should Be Coupled With “Prayer In The Spirit***

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Prayer And The Word Are Essentials In Spiritual Battle

- **In The Word We Get To Know God.**
- **In Prayer We Get To Communicate With God.**

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Q. Which Is More Important Prayer Or The Word?

A. They Are Both Equally As Important

- ***We Need A Rhema Word -- The Sword Of The Spirit***
- ***We Need To Connect w/God & Pray In The Spirit On All Occasions***

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The Relationship Between a Rhema Word and Prayer In The Spirit Leads To Answered Prayer In Our Lives.

- **(John 15:7 NIV)** If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.
- ***To Remain In Him Is To Be Connected –***
- ***A Connection Through The Word & Through Prayer***

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Jesus Taught: We Should Always Pray And Not Give Up

- ***When We Pray -- Our Prayers Carry Weight***
- ***EVERY PRAYER YOU PRAY opens doors of opportunity -- that may not have ever been opened had you not prayed***

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Every Prayer You Pray Imparts More Of The Purpose Of God

- ***Every Prayer Brings God's Power To Bear On Difficult People And Situations.***
- ***Prayer Is Not A Passive Act It Is An Aggressive And Active Ministry.***

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God Works Through Spirit Led Prayer:

- *Prayer Is The Way You Defeat The Devil*
- *The Way You Get The Lost Saved*
- *The Way You Acquire Wisdom*
- *The Way A Backslider Gets Restored*
- *How The Saints Get Strengthened*
- *The Way To Get Laborers Out To The Mission Field*
- *How We Can Cure The Sick*
- *How We Accomplish The Impossible*

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Prayer Is Our Greatest Spiritual Weapon.

Ephesians 6:12 (NIV) — 12 *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

- ***We Pray In The Spirit To Keep From Being Defeated By Satan***
- ***To Fail To Pray Is To Fail Altogether***

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Praying In The Spirit Is Praying In Alignment With God's Spirit

- ***Praying In Accordance w/What He Is Doing & What He Is Up To***
- **Elisha Was Praying Inline With The Spirit In 2 Kings Chapter 6**
- ***He Was Praying According To What The Spirit Of God Was Up To***

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In John 11 Jesus Was In A Desperate Situation

- ***Jesus Prayed In The Spirit***
- ***His Prayer Was Inline With What The Spirit Was Up To***

Praying In The Spirit Is: Praying On All Occasions - With All Kinds Of Prayer --For All The Saints -- Continually

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Prayer Is The Actual Battlefield

- ***The Weapon We Fight With Is The Word Of God***
- ***The Battle Ground For The Fight Is In Prayer***
- ***We Pray In The Spirit In Order To Take Ground***
- ***We're Not More Powerful Than The Enemy On Our Own***
- ***By Praying In The Spirit= We Fight Successfully***

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Prayer Is The Actual Battle

- **Pray In The Spirit Is Not Just A Weapon-- It Is The Battle**
- *“Each piece of armor must be carefully put on with prayer, drawing upon divine resources. This prayer is Spirit-energized, Spirit-enabled, and Spirit-directed. Praying in the Spirit is an admission of a believer’s ignorance and dependence on God.” --CSB Study Bible*

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The Leading Of The Spirit

- **God's Promise Of The Holy Spirit**
- ***(Acts 1:5 NIV)*** For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.“
- ***(Acts 1:8 NIV)*** But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

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(Acts 2:1 NIV) *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. (2) Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. (3) They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. (4) All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.*

- **Prayer In The Spirit Changed Their Lives**

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To Be Victorious We Need To Pray In The Spirit Daily

- ***Prayer In The Spirit = From The Position Of What Christ Has Done***
- ***Prayer In The Spirit = Prayer In The Spiritual Not Natural Realm***

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By Praying In The Spirit, ***We Get Into What Is Taking Place In The Spiritual Realm***

- ***We Pray By Faith What God Has Revealed By His Spirit***

Praying In The Spirit is Also Pentecostal Prayer

- ***Praying To The Lord – United with Him***
- ***Bypassing Human Intellect***
- ***Spirit Led = Prayer as The Spirit Gives The Utterance***

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Paul Directs Us To Pray In The Spirit:

- *The biblical Greek—‘en pneumati’ --“in the Spirit”—*
- *Means: “in the spiritual realm and with the Holy Spirit’s aid.”*

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The Working Of The Spirit Is Marvelous In Us

- ***Giving Us Words To Say In Times Of Trouble (Luke 12:11)***
- ***Teaching And Reminding Us (John 14:26)***
- ***Living In & Giving Us Life (Rom 8:11)***
- ***He Helps Us Pray God Inspired Prayers (Rom 8:26)***
- ***He Helps Us Know What God Has Given Us (1 Cor 2:12)***

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A Great Heritage and Blessing For The Battle at Hand

- 1. He Will Teach Us What To Say***
 - 2. He Will Remind Us Of All That Christ Has Taught Us***
 - 3. He Lives In Us And Give Us Spiritual Life***
 - 4. He Intercedes For Us – Praying Perfect Prayer***
 - 5. He Helps Us To Understand What He Has Given Us***
- This Makes All The Difference In The Spiritual Battle***

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The Armor Of The Lord Enables Us To Stand & Keep Standing

- ***God Equips Us To Overcome The Enemy And Stay On Our Feet***

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We Pray In The Spirit On All Occasions, With All Kinds Of Prayers – We Stay Alert And We Keep On Praying

- **This Armor Prepares Us For Battle**
- **It Protects Us In Battle**
- **And It Promotes Us To Battle**

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- ***We Must Be Alert***
- ***We Must Be Persistent***
- ***We Must Pray For Spiritual Leaders***
- ***That They Might Be Fearless***
- ***That They May Make Known God's Mystery Of Salvation***