

Prayer Warriors

Ephesians 6:18

Intro:When you think of the term “Prayer warrior” what comes to mind? How would you define a prayer warrior? Shirts, mugs, posters, bible covers, tattoos, hats, and bumper stickers all can be purchased declaring one to be a “prayer warrior”. Unfortunately, purchasing such an item does not make one a prayer warrior. Where does that term come from, and what does it mean? Our text today answers these questions and more as Paul directs every believer to be a prayer warrior.

I. The content of prayer

A. General

B. Specific

II. The timing of prayer

A. In _____ and in _____

B. In _____ and in _____

C. In _____ and in _____

D. In _____ and in _____

E. In _____ and in _____

III. The manner of prayer

A. _____ upon

B. _____ with

IV. The attitude of prayer

A. With _____

B. With _____

C. With _____

V. The objects of prayer

A. We have a common _____

B. We have a common _____

C. We have a common _____

D. We have a common _____

E. We have a common _____

Conclusion: Prayer is not an afterthought but a vital necessity in our battle against spiritual darkness. Each and every one of us is to be a prayer warrior. The health of our church body and the health of the individual depend upon this vital communication, dependence and fellowship with God as we seek to stand firm in the strength of His might against the incessant attacks of the Evil One.

Questions for discussion/application:

- According to this passage, how would you define a “prayer warrior”? How does this differ from how you might have answered this question before going through this passage?
- Why does Paul connect prayer to spiritual warfare? Why is it so vital?
- In your own words, what does it mean to pray “in the Spirit”?
- Why do we so often neglect prayer?
- Why is it so important to heed Paul’s charge to pray for “all the saints”? How should this convict us, challenge us and encourage us?