



PREPARING FOR BATTLE

“The Weapon of Prayer” | Pastor Joe Yoshihara | March 29, 2026

Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,



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against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done



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all, to stand firm. 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.



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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, ¹⁸ praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all



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perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹ and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.



Leader: **The Word of the Lord**
Congregation: **Amen! Praise be to God!**



Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ praying at all times **in the Spirit...**



1 Corinthians 14:2

² For one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men but to God; for no one understands him, but **he utters mysteries in the Spirit.**



All Times – In Every Circumstance

- Oppression
- Injustice
- Conflict
- Challenge
- Celebration
- Change
- Hurt
- Danger
- Perplexity
- Sin
- Promotion
- Loss
- Uncertainty
- Opportunity

All Prayer – Various Types of Prayer

- Oppression (Deliverance)
- Injustice (Forgiveness)
- Conflict (Reconciliation)
- Challenge (Strength)
- Celebration (Gratitude)
- Change (Adaptability)
- Perplexity (Wisdom)
- Danger (Courage)
- Hurt (Healing)
- Sin (Repentance)
- Promotion (Praise)
- Loss (Lament)
- Uncertainty (Trust)
- Opportunity (Faith)

With All Perseverance

- Strength
- Endurance
- Tenacity



Luke 18:1-8

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought **always to pray and not lose heart.** ² He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. ³ And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him



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and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat



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me down by her continual coming.”⁶ And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says.⁷ And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?⁸ I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.



Luke 18:1-8

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”



For All The Saints



Paul's Evangelistic Prayer Request

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... ¹⁹ and also for me, that **words** may be given to me in opening my mouth **boldly** to proclaim the **mystery of the gospel**, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it **boldly**, as I ought to speak.



Pray for Words and Boldness



Application

Ask the Lord who you can reach out to this year.

