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## "Praying in the Spirit on All Occasions!"

Ephesians 6:18-20

Virtually every major religion has some sort of a concept of prayer in its teachings as a means of communicating with their "god" or "gods." For many, prayers are "transactional" rituals. People do their duty, put in time, do what is expected, and hope their deity responds favorably to their requests. Simply stated...input and output!



Paul's command to pray "in the Spirit on all occasions" really has little to do with hollow outer rituals. His prayers are natural responses of hearts in love with Jesus! Prayer is the main weapon of spiritual warfare and the power behind God's armor. It is the piece of God's armor that motivates us to keep fighting and winning life's battles!

Friends, this morning let's take a look at two different types of prayers. "Presence-of-God" prayers are like breathing...we do it throughout each day in response to His grace and goodness. "War room" prayers, on the other hand are strategic, focused, deliberate, and intense...identifying our enemies and challenging them with God's power. Let's do both...as well as "all kinds of prayers and requests" in other ways and settings.

## "\_\_\_\_\_ -of-God' prayers!" :18a

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"If you remain (abide) in Me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to my Father's glory..." John 15:7-8a

"\_\_\_\_\_" is an awareness of the presence of God throughout the day. Praying "in the Spirit" is...a heart 'in tune' with Jesus and filled to overflowing.

\_\_\_\_\_ ("I trust You, Lord!) Trusting in a personal, living, active, all-knowing, all-wise, and all-powerful God...in an uncertain world.

- Worship ("I worship You, Lord) My proper response to God's "worth."
- Confession. ("Forgive me, Lord") My "sings/ sinfulness" in light of God's holiness.
- Adoration. ("I love You, Lord") (expressed in words and deeds)
- Requests. ("I ask You, Lord") (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
- Praise. ("I praise You, Lord") For God's character and deeds!
- Thanksgiving. ("I thank You, Lord") God is always as work!
- Dedicated Action. ("I'll serve You, Lord") Blessing others in His name!



## "\_\_\_\_\_ " prayers! :18b-20

"With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for the Lord's people. <sup>19</sup> "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, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should."

"War room" prayers are focused on God's names, character, and our needs. "David didn't need to know Goliath's strength because he already knew God's."

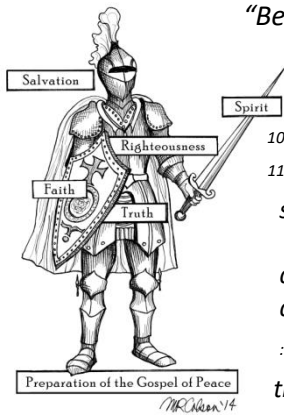
- Elohim: Creator, powerful! Adonai: "Lord, Master" Yahweh: "Self-sufficient"
- Yahweh Elohim: "LORD God" Yahweh Jireh: "the LORD provides"
- Yahweh Rapha: "LORD my healer" Yahweh Nissi: "LORD my banner"
- Yahweh Shalom: "LORD my peace" Yahweh Ra'ah: "LORD my Shepherd"
- Yahweh Tsid Kenu: "LORD my righteousness" Yahweh Shammah: "LORD is there"
- Yahweh Sabbaoth: LORD of hosts El Shaddai: "Almighty God"
- El Elyon: "Most High God" El Olam: "Eternal God" El Roi: "God who sees me"
- Yahweh Tsuri: God is my Rock "Father!"

Prayer is our "lifeline" for receiving God's encouragement and strength. Pray for Jesus' "\_\_\_\_\_" ("the Lord's people") to win their battles. :18 Pray for opportunities to share Christ "fearlessly." :19-20 Pray for people to come to Christ. We are His "\_\_\_\_\_."

"Be strong in the Lord...put on the armor of God!")

### Prayer!

Ephesians 6:10-120



<sup>10</sup> "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. <sup>11</sup> Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

<sup>14</sup> Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, and with the breastplate of righteousness in place, <sup>15</sup> and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup> In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup> Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

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