

Read the text Eph 6:10-20

Spiritual Battle summery Armor of God not magical but STB and STO

“Prayer is critical because every piece of Christian armor is useless without it.

Prayer is like oil. Just as every part of an engine is useless without oil, so every part of Christian warfare is vain without prayer. Fighting Satan without prayer is like David fighting Goliath in Saul’s armor. The armor doesn’t fit, and it is ineffective against the blows of the enemy.” (Joel Beeke in *Striving Against Satan*, 56)

Prayer also is
Something to believe Something to obey
That’s how we will break down our text on prayer.

Something to believe

If you call your self a Christian you must see the importance of Prayer in your life.
it’s essential in the life of a believer

i like what charles spergeon says

How often have I said that prayer is the breathing in of the air of heaven, and praise is the breathing of it out again.

Just as our bodies die with out air so to our relationship with Christ suffers with out communication that’s what prayer is
communication with Christ.....

much like a marriage communication is key.....sometimes it’s work

continual communication is a necessity to allow fruitfulness and healthiness in a marriage
so to is continual prayer a necessity to allow fruitfulness and healthiness in our relationship with Christ

in our text today of spiritual warfare makes the point more clear
prayer is vital and paramount

let's think of a soldier in a battle.....getting orders and communication
with general...

one of the key tactics of the enemy is to take out all means of
communication.....

Satan wants to isolate you and to minimize your communication with Christ
to the point where you don't see the importance of prayer or in some cases
stop believing in prayer.

Prayer was a key component in the life of Christ to believe in prayer

Jesus is our best example of prayer.

there is doubt as you read the gospels and look at the life of Christ you see
prayer as a big component. when you see it in many different forms

praying always

John 5:30 I can of my own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my
judgment is just; because I seek not my own will, but the will of the Father
which has sent me.

praying solo

Matt 14:23 After sending them home, he went up into the hills by himself to
pray. Night fell while he was there alone.

praying before meal in a corporate setting

Matt 15:36 Then he took the seven loaves and the fish, thanked God for
them, and broke them into pieces. He gave them to the disciples, who
distributed the food to the crowd.

Praying in small groups

The Prayer in Gethsemane Matt 26:36

Praying for others

The High-priestly Prayer John 17

Jesus truly a great example of a prayerful life

the disciples took note of that too.

Luke 11:1 Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."

in all that Jesus did miracles raising from the dead multiply food healing blind casting out demons walking on water. it was prayer.....

all of what they saw and experienced was a by product of prayer.

not only was Jesus a great example of a prayerful life he taught others to pray.

Matt 6: 5 "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. 6 But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

luke 11:5 Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 6 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' 7 And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' 8 But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. d

9 "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

luke 18**10**“Two men went to the Temple to pray. One was a Pharisee, and the other was a despised tax collector. **11**The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed this prayer**b**: ‘I thank you, God, that I am not a sinner like everyone else. For I don’t cheat, I don’t sin, and I don’t commit adultery. I’m certainly not like that tax collector! **12**I fast twice a week, and I give you a tenth of my income.’ **13**“But the tax collector stood at a distance and dared not even lift his eyes to heaven as he prayed. Instead, he beat his chest in sorrow, saying, ‘O God, be merciful to me, for I am a sinner.’ **14**I tell you, this sinner, not the Pharisee, returned home justified before God. For those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

that’s the right posture to have in prayer.....what a lesson to learn

So prayer is not just something we believe but to be obeyed

Paul lays it out for us the same way Jesus lived it out for us.

Eph 6:**18**Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

this is what Jesus lived out and taught its not just for the reader in ephesus but for the readers in carp and Ventura not just to believe but to obey

pray alwayscontinual communication with Christ

1 Thessalonians 5:17 pray continually,

Philippians 4:6

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God

“Our real obstacle to frequent and consistent prayer is often our failure to acknowledge our deep need for God or a pressing dependence upon Him. When we do not sense our weakness, or helplessness, our dependence, and our danger, we will not pray. Having an acute awareness of the war and our weakness will drive us to our knees.”

..... walkie talkie with the commander in chief

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

with all prayer and supplication in the spirit

-“The word **prayer** is a general term denoting a broad category, while **petition** is a more specific word. Although these two words overlap in meaning,

Paul uses them together to remind us that **prayer consists of much more than making requests. Biblical prayer is filled with praise, adoration, confession, thanksgiving, worship, silence, supplication, intercession, and petition.** The combination of ‘prayer and supplication’ not only expresses variety in prayer but also **intensity**.

“The phrase ‘**in the Spirit**’ expresses the means by which we are to pray-by the help the Spirit gives. Jude 20 states the same truth, ‘But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit’ (Jude 20). **To pray in the Spirit is to pray with the help, motivation, guidance, and empowerment of the Holy Spirit.**

Praying in the Spirit is praying with a sense of dependence on the Spirit (Rom. 8:26-27). We don’t always know how we should pray. Sometimes all we can get out is a moan, a sigh, or a desperate, ‘O Father, O God.’ The Spirit actually intercedes for us,

there is an important connection between the last piece of armor (the sword of the Spirit) and prayer.

\$-“We cannot miss the connection between wielding the sword of the Spirit and praying in the Spirit. One of the powerful ways to pray in the Spirit is actually to use the words that the Spirit inspired. Praying God’s words back to Him is a sure way to know we are praying in the Spirit, but it is also wielding the sword of the Spirit in prayer.” Borgman(SW, 92)

not just pray in the Spirit but

and watching with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

NLT Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

1 Timothy 2:1

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people--

Luke 18:1

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

like Jesus in John 17 we are to be praying for other believers

This usually happens in a corporate setting it's something that we see in the early church in acts.

acts 1:14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

i understand that not all can make our prayer meetings tues morning 7 am or sunday morning 7:45 but you should find one that you can make.

This church is big on prayer because we are big on God

please know that this church was birthed in prayer our church plants where birthed in prayer prayer tours the power of prayer.....

the last verse

19 And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. **g 20** I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

how early is this Paul asking for prayer.....this speaks so much

he's not asking prayer to get out of jail but to speak boldly

Paul understanding the power of prayer he is asking humbly for prayer.

we need to foster prayer for one another in our corporate time together.

Matt 21:13 "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.'"

some are dealing with marriage issues

some relationship issue

some need prayer for healing hearts

some need prayer for healing body

some need prayer to pray

some need prayer to believe

some need prayer to obey

what ever heavy burden has you down let's put into practice this wonderful privilege of prayer

