

In His Presence—Together

Ephesians 6:18-20 | September 27, 2020

Contexts:

- Broader: Blessings in Christ (Ephesians 1-6)
- Immediate: God-given resources for the spiritual battle (Ephesians 6:10-17)
- Summary: Prayer is a response to _____!

What prayer accomplishes:

1. In prayer, we support _____ (18).

2. In prayer, we support _____ (19-20).

God wants members of the body of Christ to support each other always—

PRAYER WEEK 2020

THE ABC'S OF PRAYER

ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE ■ BOLDNESS TO PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ■ THE CHURCH

Discussion Questions:

1. In addition to this passage, what else does the Bible teach about God's people praying for each other and the spread of the gospel?
2. What is your biggest challenge to overcome in order to put Ephesians 6:18-20 into practice?



Questions for Parents to use with their children:

1. **What comes to your mind when you hear the word “warfare?” Have you ever associated “prayer” and “spiritual warfare?”**

2. **Read Ephesians 6:10-20 together, emphasizing verses 18-20.**

3. **What does Paul (the writer) encourage or command the Ephesian believers to do in verse 18?**

*Answer: Paul is closing out his letter to the Ephesians with a motivating call to action using (metaphorical) warfare language. With verses 10-17 as a backdrop, the call to action in our verses today is to “stand” and “take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit” **BY “praying” for all believers and for Paul (proclaimers of the gospel) with all kinds of prayer.***

4. **WHEN and HOW does Paul encourage believers to pray in verse 18?**

Answer: When?-“On all occasions.” How?-“With all kinds of prayers and requests.”

5. **Which person of the Godhead do you see in this passage? How does He help us?**

Answer: The Holy Spirit. He seems to help us when we pray.

6. **What did Paul say for the Ephesian church to pray specifically for him in verse 19?**

Answer: Words would be given to him as he shares about Christ (19). That he would declare the gospel clearly (v20).

7. **How can we apply this as individuals? How can we apply this as a family? How can we apply this as a church?**

Answer: We can pray for ourselves, our family members, and our church members and leaders with all kinds of prayers and requests. We can also pray for and participate in our upcoming Week of Prayer where we will concentrate our efforts by praying for our church.