Ephesians 6:18-20 "[18] And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayer and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. [19] Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given so that I will fearlessly make know the mystery of the gospel, [20] for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." (NIV)

Acts 1:14 "They all joined together **constantly** in prayer …"

HOW TO BE A PRAYER WARRIOR

1. Pray PERSISTENTLY.

Ephesians 6:18a "And pray in the Spirit on **all occasions** with **all kinds** of prayers and requests …" (NIV)

Romans 8:26-27 "[26] … the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. [27] And He who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God." (NIV)

Jesus Ministry was Saturated with Prayer

- At His baptism (Luke 3:21-22)
- At the beginning of His ministry (Matthew 4:1-11)
- At busy, demanding times (Mark 1:35-39)
- At times of great popularity (John 6:15)
- At times of compassion and need (Matthew 9:36)
- Before His transfiguration (Luke 9:18-20)
- Before Peter's confession of faith (Luke 9:28-29)
- Before His disciples asked, "Teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1)
- Before leaving His disciples (John 17)
- At Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-44)
- On the cross (Matthew 27:46)

Pray For

- Integrity (Psalm 1:1-3)
- Unity (James 4:1-7)

- Healing (Matthew 9:1-8; James 5:14-15)
- Outreach (John 4:35-36)
- Intercession (James 5:16)
- Wisdom (Romans 11:33-36)
- God's Word (Psalm 119)
- God's goodness (Psalm 103)
- God's will (Luke 11:9-13)
- Boldness (1 John 5:13-15)
- Forgiveness (Luke 15:17-20)
- Salvation (Luke 19:9-14)
- Strength (Jude 20)
- Protection (Matthew 26:41)
- Peace (Philippians 4:4-7)
- Ministry of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-7)
- Sincerity (Psalm 145:18-19; Matthew 6:5-8)
- Church leaders (Ephesians 6:19-20)
- Political leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Enemies (Matthew 5:43-44)

Philippians 4:6-7 "6 Do not be anxious about anything, **but in every situation**, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (NIV)

2. Pray PASSIONATELY.

Ephesians 6:18b "… With this in mind, **be alert** and **always keep praying** for all the Lord's people."

1 Peter 5:8-9 "8 Be alert and sober minded. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (NIV)

Luke 21:36 "Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man." (NIV)

Colossians 4:12 "Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured." (NIV)

Colossians 1:9-14 "9 … since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understand that the Spirit gives, 10 so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, 11 being strengthened with all power according to His glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, 12 and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of His holy people in the kingdom of light. 13 For He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son He loves, 14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins." (NIV)

- Ask God to help them know what He wants them to do.
- Ask God to give them deep spiritual understanding.
- Ask God to help them live for Him.
- Ask God to give them more knowledge of Himself.
- Ask God to give them strength and endurance.
- Ask God to fill them with joy, strength, and thankfulness.

3. Pray PURPOSELY.

Ephesians 6:19-20 "19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should do." (NIV)

Colossians 4:2-4 "2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being **watchful** and **thankful**. 3 And pray also for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. 4 Pray that I may proclaim it **clearly**, as I should." (NIV)

How to pray purposefully:

- to break down the barrier of spiritual blindness (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- that believers may understand the spiritual power, authority, and protection we have in Christ (Ephesians 1:18-19)
- to bind satan and his emissaries (Matthew 12:29)
- for more spiritual workers (Matthew 9:37-38)

BOTTOM LINE

Ephesians 1:17-23 "17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know Him better. 18 I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and His incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of His mighty strength 20 He exerted when He raised Christ from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under His feet and appointed Him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills everything in every way." (NIV)

Ephesians 6:23-24 "23 Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness. 24 May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ." (NLT)