

**Full Armor of God Week 8: Prayer
Sunday March 22nd, 2020**

Ephesians 6:10-13 (NLT, pg. 980)

Ephesians 6:14-18 (NLT, pg. 980-981)

Pray in the Spirit

Ephesians 6:18 (NLT) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Ephesians 3:14-16 (NLT, pg. 978) When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

Prayer of _____.

Daniel 4:34-35 (NLT, pg. 729) “After this time had passed, I, Nebuchadnezzar, looked up to heaven. My sanity returned, and I praised and worshiped the Most High and honored the one who lives forever. His rule is everlasting, and his kingdom is eternal. All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He does as he pleases among the angels of heaven and among the people of the earth. No one can stop him or say to him, ‘What do you mean by doing these things?’”

Prayer of _____.

1 John 1:9 (NLT, pg. 1031) But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Prayer of _____.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT, pg. 985) Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Prayer of _____ and Intercession.

James 5:13-16 (NLT, pg. 1022) Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

1 Timothy 2:1-4 (NLT, pg. 997) I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity. This is good and pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to understand the truth.

If you are going to stand firm and use the armor you must be a committed, saved, follower of _____.

Romans 3:23 (NLT, pg. 937) For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God’s glorious standard.

Romans 6:23 (NLT, pg. 939) For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 5:6,8 (NLT, pg. 938) When we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time and died for us sinners... But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Romans 10:9-10 (NLT, pg. 942) If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved.

Final Thought: _____ (NLT, pg. 993) Always be joyful. Never stop praying. Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.

Full Armor of God week 8 Discussion Questions

How is prayer a part of your daily life right now? Prayer is simply communicating with God. What is your favorite way to pray? What is your favorite place to pray? How have you heard back from God? Read Matthew 14:22-23, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:15-16, 9:18a, 11:1. What do you learn about Jesus' prayer life from these passages? How does Jesus' example help you in your own prayer life? Explain.

Review the different kinds of prayer described in scripture: prayer of adoration, prayer of confession, prayer thanksgiving, prayer of supplication and intercession. Which one is most common for you? Which one do you do the least? How do you think finding a healthy balance of all of these will improve your prayer life? Explain. Read Genesis 25:21, Matthew 5:43-45, Ephesians 3:14-16. How do each of these passages direct our prayers?

We are directed to stand firm with God's power. All of the pieces of the armor are based on God's character traits. It is the sword of the Spirit. We pray in the Spirit. This is the theme that ties this entire concept together and the key to its effectiveness. How have you "gotten in your own way" in living this out in your journey? Explain. What will help you from making this mistake moving forward? Read John 17 (yes, the whole chapter). How does this prayer of Jesus inspire you to put on the armor, stand firm, and take new ground for God's kingdom?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. What do you see in this passage now that you didn't see before this series? What stands out to you the most? What is the biggest challenge and/or change this study has brought into your faith journey? Are you ready to stand firm? Why or why not?