



Battle Prayer Directives

Ephesians 6:18-20



Opener Question
What spiritual armor have you
cherished most in recent weeks?
Explain.

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Battle Prayer must be:

- Persistent
 - Spirit-dependent
 - Scripture-shaped
 - Exercised in community
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Paul concludes his spiritual armor list to the Ephesians with battle prayer directives.

In view of our opposition as well as the gospel of Jesus, our prayers must be persistent, Spirit-dependent, Scripture-shaped, and exercised in community.






Read
Ephesians 6:18-20
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Ephesians 6:14–18

Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes...put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert...






Battle Prayer Directive

1. Deem prayer as essential to accompany every piece of spiritual armor
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Ephesians 6:18

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2. Pray at any and every time





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Praying at all times in the Spirit

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.


(Romans 8:26–27)



“I can’t imagine leading my family or community without corporate prayer. I do these morning prayer times not from discipline but from learned desperation. I am constant in corporate prayer because the Jesus communities I’m in are constant in need.”




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3. Pray in battle-desperation and dependance on the Holy Spirit to act in power
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Prayer and Supplication

Hebrews 5:7 – ‘prayers and supplications’

Philippians 4:6 – ‘prayer and supplication with thanksgiving’

1 Timothy 2:1 – ‘supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings’





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4. Pray utilizing a variety of expressions from Scripture





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5. Stay alert and persevere in our prayers





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6. Pray the armor of God for saints around us





Ephesians 3:16-19

that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.





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7. Allow the prayers in Scripture to reshape the content of our prayers
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8. Pray with other believers





Opportunities to Pray

Sunday Morning

Because we believe God changes hearts and circumstances when we come together in faith, we pray before Sunday service weekly! Come join us 8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Sundays in room 204.

[Send a Prayer Request](#)

Tuesday Lunchtime

Cover our church in prayer, so the enemy can't work havoc here! Connect with us on zoom from 12:00 – 12:15 p.m. (Meeting ID: 874 3467 1607; Passcode: 7ATxkb)

[Join the Zoom Meeting](#)

Wednesday Evening

We want to care for the next generation, so join us in praying over our youth on the 3rd Wednesday of every month 7:00 – 7:30 p.m. in room 204.

Saturday Morning


Join us in interceding for our missionaries around the globe. We meet for an hour once a month to pray, every 3rd Saturday at 10 a.m. Email John Larsen at johnlarsen@summitview.com for location.





Ephesians 6:19-20

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9. Request prayer from others





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Matthew 6:31-33

Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.



The Rest of the Story...

At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

(2 Timothy 4:16–17)





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 2. Pray at any and every time
 3. Pray in battle-desperation and dependance on the Holy Spirit to act in power
 4. Pray utilizing a variety of expressions within Scripture
 5. Stay alert and persevere in our prayers
 6. Pray the armor of God for saints around us
 7. Allow the prayers in Scripture to reshape the content of our prayers
 8. Pray with other believers
 9. Request prayer from others
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