

## Lesson 4 THE POWER OF PRAYER

*“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:18)*

### **Prayer Is Essential for Victory**

In the previous lesson we learned about the armor of God. Although a Christian soldier may be dressed in God’s armor, if he goes into battle without praying, there’s no guarantee. Prayer is the final piece of the Christian soldier’s armor. Prayer reveals God’s battle plan for victory.

God alone is all-knowing. God alone created us and saved us on the cross at Calvary. He is the final ruling authority. There is no greater power than the Lord God almighty. As believers, we are born again of God’s Spirit, and when we pray, His Spirit will guide us in being victorious in the battle.

### **Ephesians 6:18 Teaches Five Components of Prayer for Spiritual Warfare**

**(1) Pray Always.** Throughout the day, morning, noon and night, we are told to bring to God our concerns continually, without ceasing, with thanksgiving.

1. How are we to pray always? See Romans 12:12.
2. What should our praying look like? See Colossians 4:2.
3. Write 1 Thessalonians 5:17-18.

**(2) Pray with Supplication in the Spirit.** This means we are to ask God to give us insight into what we need to pray for. We ask God to give us the empowering of His Holy Spirit and for His Spirit to lead and guide us in our prayer.

4. How will the Holy Spirit help us in our prayer? See John 14:26.
5. What will the Holy Spirit give us? See Ephesians 1:17.
6. Write Jude 1:20-21.

**(3) Be Watchful.** The word “watchful” means “to keep awake, be attentive and to be ready.” Jesus said, “Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41). We must be on alert and pay attention.

7. Write 1 Peter 4:7.

8. Write Colossians 4:2.

**(4) Persevere in Prayer.** This takes commitment, discipline, and self-sacrifice. Jesus said, “Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). The literal translation is to keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. Don’t give up.

9. Write Psalm 55:17.

10. Write Luke 18:1b.

**(5) Make Supplication for All the Saints.** We are to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ and bear one another’s burdens. They fight the same war we do.

11. Write Philippians 1:4.

12. Write 1 Peter 5:8-9.

What a tremendous weapon prayer is in our fight against Satan. It’s a spiritual collaboration whereby we can join hands with God, so to speak, in accomplishing God's purposes here on earth. By prayer we can drive Satan off of territory that he is holding by usurped authority and power. Praying for God’s people is a privilege that each one of us possesses.

Are you looking for a ministry? Do you desire to serve the Lord, but have yet to discover your calling? Make this your work for the kingdom—pray for the church. Pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

*“Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.” Luke 21:36*