

## ON THE FRONT LINE

You're all dressed for battle, ready to go, waiting for orders.

The orders come, and they are simple:

### Ephesians 6:18

### Stand and Pray.

Paul calls Christians to utilize their most powerful 'spiritual resource': prayer. **1 Thessalonians 5:17**

1. Calling on God's Power:

a. After we are completely equipped with our Christian armor,  
we have a power in reserve that surpasses all understanding. (Prayer).

b. The limitless power of God is at our disposal.

c. The Holy Ghost Helps us pray. **Romans 8:26**

d. We are God's Israel of today and this call is still valid. **2 Chronicles 7:14**

2. Prayer is fundamental, not supplemental.

Too often we add prayer as a last resort or as an afterthought.

Prayer is fundamental in our spiritual warfare.

3. Prayer is our most powerful 'spiritual resource' in this warfare.

After describing the armor of God, Paul exhorts believers to pray. **Ephesians 6:18-20**

Here we learn four truths about prayer:

I. PRAYER MUST BE IN THE SPIRIT vs. **6:18a** *Pray in the Spirit*

a. To Pray in the Spirit means,

coming to the Father through the Son as the Spirit draws us.

b. Prayer in the Spirit arises from the Spirit of God within. **Romans 8:26, 27; Jude 1:20, 21**

II. PRAYER MUST BE A WAY OF LIFE. vs. **6:18a** *at all times and on every occasion.*

Believers are to turn their whole life into prayer. **Philippians 4:6, 7**

a. "To [be praying] at all times is to live in deep awareness of and surrender to our heavenly Father."

b. It means that we are conscious of His presence in our daily lives.

c. It means we are having an ongoing conversation with him.

III. PRAYER MUST BE PERSISTENT vs. **6:18c** *Stay alert and be persistent...*

In our spiritual warfare we must be persistent if we are to experience any victory.

a. Prayer is to be a natural and consistent part of our lives.

b. It is not to be regulated to special seasons or special days.

c. We are to be people of prayer."

IV. PRAYER MUST BE INTERCESSORY vs. **6:18d** *in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*

We are to pray for the needs of others.

a. We are to pray for unbelievers and for their salvation.

b. We are to pray for the needs of other believers as well.

c. Paul went on to ask for prayer for himself **Ephesians 6:18-20**

Conclusion:

You're all dressed in your spiritual armor.

The time has come to fight, and the fight is to pray.

We are called to utilize our most powerful 'spiritual resource'.

1. Prayer Must Be In the Spirit

2. Prayer Must Be a Way of Life.

3. Prayer Must Be Persistent

4. Prayer Must Be Intercessory