



Pray in the Spirit
30th in the “Ephesians” Series
Ephesians 6:18-20
October 4, 2026
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Introduction

In this passage, we learn three important truths about the nature of Christian prayer.

1) Prayer is done “in the Spirit” (v. 18).

2) Prayer is comprehensive in nature (v. 18).

3) Prayer is driven by the gospel (vv. 19-20).

Response

May we be a people of Spirit-led and Spirit-formed prayer.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What are the things that motivate you to pray? If you had to guess, what percentage of your prayer time is focused on physical needs?
- 2) What does it mean to “pray in the Spirit” (v. 18)? What can we do practically to obey this command?
- 3) Look at all four occurrences of “all/always” in v. 18. What would it look like to implement all four of those commands in our personal lives and the life of the church as a whole?
- 4) Notice how Paul’s prayer requests are focused on making known the gospel. Since we know Paul had many personal and financial needs, why would he not ask for prayer for those, too? What does this teach us?
- 5) Scripture teaches us to pray for personal needs, such as sickness (see James 5:13-14). In what ways can we ensure our prayer life is better balanced between real physical needs and the work of the gospel?
- 6) Twice, Paul asks for prayer so that he would share the gospel “fearlessly” (vv. 19-20). What causes us fear when we share the gospel with people? How have you experienced such fear?
- 7) Action Step: Have each member of the small group share about a person with whom you have been trying to or want to share the gospel (feel free to keep the person anonymous). Spend time praying for the Lord to help each of you fearlessly make the gospel known to those people.

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Galatians 5:16 (Mon); Romans 8:13 (Tues); Philippians 3:3 (Wed); 1 Corinthians 14:16 (Thurs); Galatians 6:1 (Fri).