



# "How to Pray" Part 1

## Ephesians 6:18-20

**Thesis:** What do you think about prayer? Do you receive answers to your prayers? As Christians we enter the conflict of the world daily involved in spiritual warfare fully dressed in armor, yet there is something else which is essential and that is prayer. Prayer holds our armor together, puts the enemy to flight! So, how do we pray? Let's see how the Apostle Paul taught the church at Ephesus to pray.

### I. Pray in the Spirit (v. 18)

- A. Praying in the Spirit always begins with worship
- B. Walking clean, with our sin confessed
- C. Praying knowing we are in God's presence
- D. We are saved by faith, we also pray in faith

### II. Pray Continually (v. 18)

- A. Conscious of God's presence and care
- B. In the midst of discouragement plus good times
- C. We are to have an attitude of prayer

### III. Pray with Diversity (v. 18)

- A. We are not to use vain repetitions
- B. We should pray for our needs, not our wants
- C. Pray for forgiveness, spiritual protection, others
- D. Pray prayers of praise and thanksgiving, confession, mercy, help and the lost

**Life Application:** Prayer is like a muscle, it needs exercised. A prayer journal is very helpful. We need to be praying in the Spirit, praying continually, and praying with diversity. Prayer is communication with God. Communication needs to be two-ways. Sometimes we just need to be still as we pray and allow God to speak to us. There is much to learn and practice in our prayer lives.

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