

Oxford Baptist Church – March 15, 2020
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Ephesians – Transformed for Christ’s Glory
Winter Series – Spiritual Warfare
Message: “Praying in the Spirit” Eph 6:18-22

Praying in the Spirit is our daily protective covering to experience victory in spiritual warfare.

Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones wrote, “our ultimate position as Christians is tested by the character of our prayer life.”

What is Praying in the Spirit or Spirit-filled praying?

Praying at all times. V. 18

- Devote yourself to pray and be alert. Col 4:2
- Pray continually. 1Thess 5:17 “all times.”
- Every place, every kind and every posture is for prayer. “all kinds of prayer.”
- Praying in a continual God-consciousness or conversation and focus. Col 3:2

Praying Powered by the Holy Spirit. V. 18

- Filled with the Holy Spirit. Eph 5:15-21
- Romans 8:26-27; Jude 1:20; Zechariah 4:6; 12:10 – grace and prayer.
- “all times in the Spirit.”
- Ask the Holy Spirit: Who or What do you want me to pray for today? 1Cor 14:15

Praying that Perseveres. V. 18 Matt 26:41; Gal 6:9

- “with all perseverance.”

Praying for Others. V. 18 James 5:16

- “for all the saints” – the Lord’s people.

Praying that asks others to intercede for you. v. 19-20

- Praying for Words to Proclaim and live the Gospel as an Ambassador in chains for Christ. Col 4:2-6
- **2Chronicles 7:14**

Personal Application Questions

1. Why is prayer our daily protective covering for spiritual victory in spiritual warfare?
2. How does prayer connect to our Spiritual armour?
3. Why is praying continually a mark of the Spirit-filled life or praying in the Spirit?
4. In what ways does the Holy Spirit’s power help or strengthen us in our praying?
5. Why are we to pray in the Spirit at all times?
6. What are some biblical examples of people who persevered in prayer?
7. Who have you been praying for you this week?
8. How does this teaching change your view on praying for yourself?
9. What is your biggest spiritual lesson from this message today?