

Introduction to the Armor of God
Part 7

Praying Always

Foundation Scripture

Eph 6:10-18 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. **Stand therefore**, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: **Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;**

Verse 18 Amplified With all prayer and petition, pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] **in the Spirit**, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people.

A. Praying Always

This Scriptural directive is not meant to be a hyperbole or an exaggeration.

1. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Pro 3:6
2. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Php 4:6
3. And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint; Luke 18:1
4. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

B. Prayer is Your Weapon

1. Five parts of the Armor are defensive: truth, righteousness, preparation of the Gospel, faith and salvation.
2. The Sword of the Spirit is offensive.
3. Prayer is your weapon for offense or defense.
4. Prayer is taking the word of the Word and using it for offense or defense.
 - a) Offense: In the Name of Jesus (NOJ), I cast demons out of my life. Mark 16:17
 - b) Defense: In the NOJ, nothing of the enemy shall by any means hurt me. Luke 10:19

C. Spirit Led Praying

It is very important to be guided by the Holy Spirit as we pray.

1. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons (not children) of God Rom 8:14
2. We hear the voice of the Good Shepherd and we do not follow the stranger. John 10:4-5
3. The Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth. John 16:13
4. We are led by the still small voice from our innermost being.

D. Praying with the Understanding

These types of prayers are in your natural language and so you understand the words which you are speaking. However, since you are being led by the Holy Spirit, you may not comprehend all the ramifications of the words which you have prayed.

1. Overview

- a) Firstly, pray for kings (presidents) and all in authority for a peaceful life. 1 Tim 2:2
- b) Pray to build up the church. 1 Cor 14:4
- c) Pray to the Lord of the Harvest for laborers and salvations. Matt 9:38
- d) Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Ps 122:6
- e) Pray for self and family.

2. Types of Prayers

There are 12 categories of prayers taught in ABC Bible College. Some categories have more than one type of prayer. Whereas, all categories and types can be used for spiritual warfare, the ones which are most used as weapons with the Armor of God are listed below.

- a) Prayer of Faith/Petition Prayer Mark 11:24
- b) Prayer of Agreement Matt 18:19
- c) Prayer of Authority Mark 11:23
- d) Prayer of Intercession, even for enemies (Mt 5:44) Eze 22:30
- e) Prayer of Affirmation Titus 3:8
- f) Cleansing including casting out demons (Mk 16:17) 2 Cor 10:4,5
- g) Protection Ps 23, 91
- h) Praise and Worship Ps 8:2

E. Praying in the Holy Ghost

Often referred to as Praying in the Spirit, this form of prayer consists of Spirit led utterances or verbal prayers, spoken in a language which is unknown to the speaker.

1. Overview

- a) The primary purpose of praying in tongues is to strengthen or edify yourself. 1 Cor 14:4
- b) Build up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Jud 1:20
- c) You pray in tongues if you do not know how to pray i.e, you may know that something is wrong but you do not know either the problem or the solution. Rom 8:26
Note: if you know both problem and solution, use the Prayer of Affirmation.
- d) There are 9 different names, which refer to praying in tongues. There are 7 types of tongues, which are listed below,

2. Types of Tongues

Type	Purpose	Reference
1 Speaking in a known language, which is unknown to the speaker	Communication as a sign and a wonder to the unbeliever	Acts 2:6, 1 Cor 13:1 Mark 16:17
2 Speaking in an unknown language to God	Edifying (building up) yourself by praying to God	1 Cor 14:2,4 Jude 20
3 Speaking to angels	Letting the Holy Spirit guide you to give orders to angels	1 Cor 13:1, Heb 1:14, Ps 103:20
4 Speaking in tongues with interpretation	Prophesying or teaching	1 Cor 14:5,6,13 Ampl
5 Groanings which cannot be uttered	Intercessory prayer when we don't know how to pray	2 Cor 5:4 Ampl, Rom 8:26, John 11:38,33, Mark 15:34
6 Singing in the spirit	Praise and worship	1 Cor 14:15, Eph 5:19, 6:18, Act 10:46
7 Praying the mysteries of God	Praying God's will above the level of our understanding	1 Cor 14:2, 1 Cor 4:1, 1 Cor 13:2