



**Invisible Army - Part 3**  
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 Ephesians 6:18-24

**Overview:** We need a commitment to the regular practice of intercessory prayer. Scripture indicates that consistent (6:18), intense (6:18), and strategic (6:18-20) intercessory prayer – both individual and corporate – will in fact deliver us from the evil one. An invisible war is all around us, but so is an invisible army through prayer that can surround us in our spiritual battle. We pray knowing that we don't fight for victory – we fight from victory in Christ. Christ has already won through his work on the cross, and by this victory we can have great trust and faith in God no matter what we may face in this world. Through prayer, we are not only given the opportunity to pray for all things and with all kinds of requests, but to join in advancing the Gospel by praying for the fearlessness of the saints around the world. Prayer is a muscle that needs training.

<sup>18</sup> And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

<sup>19</sup> Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup> for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

**Final Greetings**

<sup>21</sup> Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. <sup>22</sup> I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

<sup>23</sup> Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Ephesians 6:18-24 (NIV 84)

**“May God continue to reveal his loving nature to you”.**

**God has provided all you need in Christ; therefore, live worthy of the gift!**

**We need to pray for:**

1. God's heart (Matt. 6:9-10; 1 John 5:14; Eph. 5:17; Romans 12:2)
2. God's way (Isaiah 55:8-9)
3. God's power (Eph. 6:10; 1 Cor. 4:20; Eph. 1:18&19)

How would you describe your prayer life?

Non-existent

I pray if life gets tough

Prayer is woven throughout every day

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If we think of prayer as a muscle, we can see how developing strength and readiness takes practice and discipline. What are some practical ways to develop discipline in praying?

**Book Summary:** Paul's letter to the church in Ephesus can be divided neatly into two parts. Chapters 1-3 are an explanation of God's power, grace, and mercy and who we are because of what God has done for us. Chapters 4-6 teach us how to take the truths of chapters 1-3 and grow into maturity as believers.

Work of God/The Good News					THEREFORE/ THEN	Work /Behavior of the Christian		
1:1-14	1:15-23	2:1-10	2:11-22	3		4:1-16	4:17-6:9	6:10-24
Chosen in Christ	Prayer for trust in God's power	Changed for a purpose	New union as Church	Prayer for growth		Walk worthy by keeping unity	Walk worthy by holy living	Walk worthy by fighting spiritual warfare