

PRAYER Ephesians 6:18-20

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OUR RIGHT

Why did the temple curtain tear?

"For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, [which are] copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;" Hebrews 9:24

JESUS IS OUR

Mediator: a person who helps bring about peace between two others. (Hebrews 9:14-15)

Advocate: a person who speaks in favor of another. (Hebrews 7:25)

BASED UPON TRUTH

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

PRAYER COMMANDS

(Romans 12:12, 2 Thes. 3:1, 2, 1 Tim. 2:1-4, Heb. 13:15, Thes 5:17 ...)

RESULTS OF PRAYER

Will of God in us - John 4:34

Powerful for ministry- don't labor through your own ability

Communion with God- 2 corinthians 13:14

know His voice, dwell in His presence, commune with God

CONTEXT OF EPHESIANS

Gospel (ephesians 1-3)

Roles, responsibilities and identities

Church (4:1-5:21)

Wives and Husbands (5:22-33)

Children and Parents (6:1-4)

Slaves and Masters (6:5-9)

Whole Armor of God(6:10-20)

(Sinful rebellion and satanic attack will always come into our relationships when we try to live biblically)

Verse 18 "praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,"

-*"all times"* Luke 21:36

-*"Praying in the Spirit."* Romans 8:15-16, Galatians 4:6

Prayer through power, as right.

OBEDIENCE (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time-bound: Add/subtract)

1. _____

VS. 19 - 20 "and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Prayer for mission and those on mission

Ambassador: πρεσβεύω presbeuō: elder, of age.

Boldly: παρρησιάζομαι parrēsiazomai: lit. Speak all

What we can all pray for

Aletheia

a. **Leaders** (Marriages, families, disciples, labor, peace, God centered, Bible center, humble, Spirit-led, protection, wisdom, LOVE)

b. **Church** (non-believers, people who serve, Spirit leading church, open doors by Spirit,

Changing the campus of USF spiritually, reaching out to the community in the Tampa area, Helping to reach out globally)

c. Upcoming church Plants : Aletheia gainesville, Cameron and Sara sandle

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