

Prayer Updates

WAR OF THE WORLDS

Part 2: Ephesians 6:18-20

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GRIEF SHARE

A 13-week support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Group uses DVDs that feature grief recovery experts.

WOMEN ONLY group begins September 12, meeting Wednesdays 10:30am–12 noon
CO-ED group begins September 13, meeting Thursdays 7–8:30pm

Register in lobby or call 465-3368. Cost of \$15 for workbook.

JOY & BLESSING

John & Darlene Prentice were blessed with the arrival of their son, **James Andrew Prentice**, born August 11. Proud grandparents are Dr. Ralph and Renate Kemp.

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Adrienne Gomes – weekly brain cancer treatment

Chris Ramsey – Stanford, fork lift accident

Foster Mahood – testing for possible stint surgery

Gerry Zapata – moved to RCU for recovery after hip replacement

Lucas Martinelli – infant at Stanford

Mary Pearl Puhl – retina re-attachment

Michelle Ellis – therapy at Valley Rehab, paralysis

Shirley Ellis – surgery, no cancer!

Teresa Dance – emergency gall bladder surgery

Tristan Beverly – infant at Stanford

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Bob Bowman, Linda Cantrall, Howard Mettler

We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center. **Subscribe to the Prayer Update online at www.tlc.org/profiles.**

“Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.”
Ephesians 6:11

My greatest weapon in spiritual warfare: _____

“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...” *Ephesians 6:18a*

Four “kinds of prayers and requests” for the spiritual battle:

- _____ (Ephesians 5:20)
- _____ (James 5:16; Ephesians 5:11)
- _____ (Philippians 4:6)
- _____ (Ephesians 6:19-20)

“...always keep on praying **for all the saints**. Pray also **for me**...” *Ephesians 6:19*

What My Prayers Can Do for Others

1. I can help them _____

“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**, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it **fearlessly**, as I should.” *Ephesians 6:19,20*

“I pray that you may be **active** in sharing your faith...” *Philemon 1:6*

2. I can help their ministry have _____

“Pray that I may be **rescued** from the unbelievers in Judea and that my service in Jerusalem may be **acceptable** to the saints there.” *Romans 15:31*

3. I can help _____

“Herod killed James . . . and Peter was in prison, but **the church was earnestly praying to God for him**. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell . . . ‘Quick, get up!’ he said, and the chains fell off Peter’s wrists.” *Acts 12:1,2,5*

4. I can participate in their _____

“Pray for one another, that you may be **healed**.” *James 5:16*

5. I can contribute to _____ in society

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone — **for kings and all those in authority**, that we may live **peaceful and quiet** lives in all godliness and holiness." *1 Timothy 2:1-2*

6. I can help those under spiritual _____

Jesus: "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift you as wheat. **But I have prayed for you**, Simon, that your faith may not fail." *Luke 22:31*

7. I can help people spiritually _____

"I pray also **that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened** in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints." *Ephesians 1:18*

"I pray that out of his glorious riches **he may strengthen you** with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith." *Ephesians 3:16*

ACTIVATE YOUR PRAYER LIFE TODAY

1. Make a _____ to pray every day
2. Make a _____ to pray every day
3. Make a _____ to pray for every day
4. Make a _____ of prayers answered

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Ephesians 6:11-20 again. What about the weekend's message really jumped out at you? Why?

In this week's daily meditations, we are doing something a little different: We will literally practice what was preached (although come to think of it, we should do this every week!) by not just studying or discussing prayer, but doing it!

The first kind of prayer we mentioned in the message was thanksgiving. Thanksgiving is an essential part of spiritual warfare, because our enemy often finds an opening through self-pity and a discontented attitude. Write down 30 things you can be thankful for today . . . and give God thanks!

Tuesday

The second kind of prayer we discussed last weekend was confession.

Read James 5:16 and 1 John 1:9. Confession is a critical part of spiritual warfare because it handles the shame and hiding that can result from a failure to live as we know we should. It's been said, "You're as sick as your secrets." Why do we keep secrets? What lies does your enemy tell you so you keep your secrets hidden? What do you need to confess about your attitudes or actions? Take the time to come to God and do that right now!

Wednesday

The third kind of prayer we talked about in the message last weekend: Requests, or petition. This is an important weapon against worry. Read Philippians 4:6-9. What does this verse say to do about anxiety or worry? Someone once said worry is just negative meditation. Why do we worry instead of meditate and pray?

Bring your worries to God in prayer right now in the form of requests.

Thursday

The fourth kind of prayer we discussed last weekend was intercessory prayer: Praying for others. One group we can all pray for is our children. Even if you don't have kids, take time to pray for kids you know today.

HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR CHILDREN

1. Pray that they will know Christ as Savior early in life. (Psalm 63:1;2; Timothy 3:15)
2. Pray that they will resist sin. (Psalm 97:10)
3. Pray that they will be caught when guilty. (Psalm 119:71)
4. Pray that they will be protected from the evil one. (John 17:15)
5. Pray that they will have a responsible attitude in all their interpersonal relationships. (Daniel 6:3)
6. Pray that they will respect people in authority over them. (Romans 13:1)
7. Pray that they will desire the right kind of friends and be protected from the wrong friends. (Proverbs 1:10-15)
8. Pray that they, as well as their mates, will be kept pure. (1 Corinthians 6:14-20)
9. Pray that they will learn to submit totally to God and actively resist Satan in all circumstances. (James 4:7)
10. Pray that they will be single-hearted, sold out to Jesus Christ. (Romans 12:1-2)
11. Pray that they will be protected from wrong people, places and influences. (Hosea 2:8)

Friday

Today let's continue applying what we learned this past weekend about intercessory prayer. Today spend some intercessory time in prayer for the following groups:

- Your friends
- Your family
- Your co-workers
- Your church and pastors
- Your country
- Your world

Saturday

Please pray again today . . . for the services this weekend! Just two more weeks until we begin the 40 Days of Faith! Please pray that this will be a powerful time of spiritual growth at TLC! Thanks.



Memory Verse

"Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Ephesians 6:11