

# PRAYER COVER

Ephesians 6:18-24

## I. THE CALL TO PRAYER

### A. At All Times (Ps 62:8)

#### 1. Every Opportunity

- a. **Scheduled** ()—corporate assembly, personal devotions
- b. **Called**—corporate in response to a crisis
- c. **Spontaneous**—whenever need or opportunity presents
- d. **Any Time** (Lk 6:12)—day or night

#### 2. Any Location (Ps 61:1-2; 139:7-10)—God is everywhere accessible

#### 3. Continual Conversation (1 Thes 5:17)—ongoing internal dialogue

### B. In the Spirit (Rom 8:26; Gal 5:26; Jude 1:20)—

1. **Internally in an on-going spirit of prayer**
2. **Sensitive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit**
3. **Relying on the Holy Spirit to help us as we pray**

### C. All Kinds of Prayers

1. **Secret & Solitary** (Mat 6:6)—alone with God, prayer closet
2. **Public & United** (Joel 2:17; Mat 18:19-20; Act 1:14)
3. **Formal or Informal**
4. **Spoken or Unspoken** (Gen 24:12-15; Neh 2:4-5; Ps 139:4)—
5. **Prepared or Spontaneous**—written, read, memorized
6. **For Self & for Others**—personal needs and intercession
7. **For Any Reason** ()—needs, thanks, praise, confession

### D. All Kinds of Requests ()—not a good work but a relationship

**E. For All the Saints (Gal 6:2)—Intercession for all Christians**

1. **Every Christian needs prayer.**
2. **The Church is bigger than *this church*.**—congregation, denomination
3. **Ministers need special prayer.** (Rom 15:30; 2 Cor 1:11; Php 1:19; Col 4:3; 2 Thes 3:1-2)

**II. THE CHARGE TO SOLDIERS**

**A. Keep Alert—be aware**

1. **The devil and his schemes** (Mk 14:37-38; Lk 21:36; 1 Cor 16:13; 2 Cor 2:11; 1 Pet 5:8)
2. **The condition of our battle buddies**—(Jas 5:16; 1 Jn 5:16; )
3. **The prompting of the Holy Spirit to pray for someone**

**B. With All Perseverance (Mat 7:7; Lk 18:1; Mk 9:28-29; )—takes time**

1. **Because none of us will ever *not need* prayer in this life.**
2. **Because God answers prayer. Don't give up!**

**III. THE INTER-CONNECTION OF THE CHURCH (21-24)**

**A. To God (Isa 64:4; Jn 14:14; 16:26-27)—direct line of communication**

1. **God is real and present.**
2. **Prayer connects us to our power source.**
3. **Prayer accesses on Earth the resources of Heaven.**

**B. To One Another ()—assist one another with our prayers**

1. **We fight for and with one another—*not against each other!***
2. **We fight against the devil.**

**C. Prayer connects us to Both**