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## **Alert And Praying**

That is my prayer. **What is your prayer?** I want to be alert and praying to you, on all the occasions of my life. I don't want to be dull and unaware and unfocused in my prayers. I want to listen attentively to you. I want to rely on you. I want to ask for your help. I want you to give me prayers to pray. I want you to guide the prayers I pray for others. I want to receive from you all that I need to do the work of ministry I have been given to do. You know that at many times and in many ways I have been timid. **Yes, I have noticed.** Well, how about no more of that from me? I know that you can make me fearless. I know that you can powerfully work in and through me. I know that you can give me bold thoughts to think, words to speak and actions to take. You can make me fearless in all that I think and say and do. **Yes, I can. Is that a prayer you would like to pray?** Yes, I would like to pray that prayer not only for myself but also for all others who know, love, follow, and serve the Lord. **What is the motive of your prayer?** That is a very good question to which I would like to give a very clear answer. I want to serve the Lord well. I want to bear an abundance of fruit for His kingdom. I want to bring glory to His name. I want a rich harvest of people to come to know and love and follow and serve Him. So, in other words, I am asking for your power not for myself. I am asking for your power so that I can be powerfully used to minister to others. I am praying the same prayer for others so that they will likewise be powerfully used in ministry. **You are praying a good prayer. You have a good motive and great desire in your heart. I will tell you a secret. What's that? This prayer comes from me. You can confidently keep on praying to me for power to do the work of ministry.** That I will do, along with a host of other daily prayers. **That will be very good.**

*Holy Spirit, fill me with prayers to pray on every occasion of my life. Help me to be watchful and prayerful. Help me to keep on praying for my fellow followers of Christ. Empower me to do the ministry I have been given. Help me to fearlessly declare the Gospel. Amen*

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Keep On Praying*

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. 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.

NIV Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Be Persistent In Your Prayers*

Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

NLT Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Persevere In Supplication*

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

NRSV Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Interceding On Behalf Of The Saints*

Pray at all times (on every occasion, in every season) in the Spirit, with all [manner of] prayer and entreaty. To that end keep alert and watch with strong purpose and perseverance, interceding in behalf of all the saints (God's consecrated people). And [pray] also for me, that [freedom of] utterance may be given me, that I may open my mouth to proclaim boldly the mystery of the good news (the Gospel), For which I am an ambassador in a coupling chain [in prison. Pray] that I may declare it boldly and courageously, as I ought to do.

AMP Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Perseverance And Petition*

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

NASB Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Make Supplication*

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, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

ESV Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Perseverance And Supplication*

praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- 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.

NKJV Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Pray Hard And Long*

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out. And don't forget to pray for me. Pray that I'll know what to say and have the courage to say it at the right time, telling the mystery to one and all, the Message that I, jailbird preacher that I am, am responsible for getting out.

MSG Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Keep Praying Earnestly*

Pray all the time. Ask God for anything in line with the Holy Spirit's wishes. Plead with him, reminding him of your needs, and keep praying earnestly for all Christians everywhere. Pray for me, too, and ask God to give me the right words as I boldly tell others about the Lord and as I explain to them that his salvation is for the Gentiles too. I am in chains now for preaching this message from God. But pray that I will keep on speaking out boldly for him even here in prison, as I should.

TLB Ephesians 6:18-20

**The Spirit Empowered Life** *Always Pray*

Pray in the Spirit at all times with all kinds of prayers, asking for everything you need. To do this you must always be ready and never give up. Always pray for all God's people. Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear. I have been sent to preach this Good News, and I am doing that now, here in prison. Pray that when I preach the Good News I will speak without fear, as I should.

NCV Ephesians 6:18-20

# Keep On Praying

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**The Spirit Empowered Life** – Ephesians 6:18-20

**In Context:** *Read Ephesians 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God's Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Holy Spirit, fill me with prayers to pray on every occasion of my life. Help me to be watchful and prayerful. Help me to keep on praying for my fellow followers of Christ. Empower me to do the ministry I have been given. Help me to fearlessly declare the Gospel. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

**How are you making it your regular practice to pray in the Spirit on all the occasions of your life?**

How are you remaining alert and prayerful as you love and follow and serve the Lord?

What prayers are you praying for your fellow followers of Jesus Christ?

**Why will praying in the Spirit need to accompany any ministry that the Lord gives you to do for Him?**

**When has praying in the Spirit given you the power to do what the Lord has called you to do for Him?**

Why must the word of God be declared with words if others are to come to know, love, follow, and serve the Lord?

When has the Spirit given you words to speak so you could fearlessly share the Gospel with others?

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Make it your regular practice to pray in the Spirit on all the occasions of your life.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that praying in the Spirit will give you the power to do what the Lord has called you to do for Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how you are continually praying for fellow followers of Christ.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you be alert and praying in the Spirit on all the occasions of your life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Holy Spirit, help me to be alert and praying in you on all the occasions of my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Holy Spirit, what prayers will you give me to pray today?*

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