



## **Prayer – The Believer's Ultimate Weapon**

"A man is what he is on his knees before God, and nothing more."  
(Robert Murray M'Cheyne)

The saint is here commanded to wield his ultimate weapon - **PRAYER**. It is this piece of our Christian armor that is to be used to put on all others and has no military analogy.

### **Directives for Prayer:**

- 1) At all times – literally in "**EVERY SEASON**" of our daily lives. (vs. 18a)  
(I Thess. 5:17; Acts 2:42, Acts 4:23-31)

"To pray at all times is to live in continual God consciousness, where everything we see and experience becomes a kind of prayer, lived in deep awareness of and surrender to our heavenly Father." (John MacArthur, Jr.)

- 2) Pray in the Spirit. (vs. 18a) It is to pray with the Spirit's **AID**, under His

**INFLUENCE**, and in a conscious state to being **LED** by Him. Prayer is a search to align our **WILL** with that of the **FATHER**. (Romans 8:26-27)

- 3) Offer to God all **TYPES** of prayers along with **SPECIFIC REQUESTS**. (18a)

Following the Lord's example of prayer in Matthew 6:9-13, prayer should include

**WORSHIP, CONFESSION, THANKSGIVING, and REQUESTS.**

-Being specific with God is part of our **COMMUNION** with Him and He will not turn us away. (Matt. 7:7-11)

- 4) Be an **ALERT** and **DEDICATED** soldier in our prayers. (vs. 18b)

- 5) We are to pray for **ALL** the saints. (vs. 18b)

Finally in vs. 19-20 Paul asks for prayer for himself.

Does it seem odd that Paul would pray for words, boldness, and faith? He holds himself up as an example to us. We are not as great as the apostle Paul, so do we need any less prayer than he?

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## STAND UP, STAND UP FOR JESUS

(George Duffield, Jr. 1858)  
(Based on Ephesians 6:11-12)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the solemn watchword hear;  
If while ye sleep He suffers, away with shame and fear;  
Where'er ye meet with evil, within you or without,  
Charge for the God of battles, and put the foe to rout.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this His glorious day.  
Ye that are brave now serve Him against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, each soldier to his post,  
Close up the broken column, and shout through all the host:  
Make good the loss so heavy, in those that still remain,  
And prove to all around you that death itself is gain.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle, the next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil a crown of life shall be;  
They with the King of Glory shall reign eternally