



Prayer Journal

DAY 36

"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."

Ephesians 6:18-20

This passage tells us how to pray ("in the Spirit," "stay alert," "be persistent") and when to pray ("at all times and on every occasion"). It also tells us for whom we should pray ("all believers everywhere," including himself). In addition, Paul tells us what he desired from their prayers ("ask God to give me the right words" and "that I will keep on speaking boldly for him").

These verses tell us several things about prayer: 1) Prayer flows from life in the Spirit. 2) Prayer thrives when we are spiritually alert and do not give up. 3) Prayer becomes a way of life when we make it our default in every situation and on every occasion. 4) Prayer is passionate about the spiritual life and mission of our fellow believers. 5) Prayer most longs for fulfilling the mission of God – to speak the good news to others with wisdom and boldness.

Where do you need to grow in your prayer life? How do you need to sharpen your focus? How will you respond to this passage?

PRAYER

Dear Father, please forgive me for those times when I get distracted, walk without you and allow my prayers to be only about me. Help me to walk in the Spirit, to be spiritually alert and persistent in prayer and to pray for your people – both saved and lost. May my prayers be filled with passion for your kingdom to come. In the name of the crucified and risen Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit and to the glory and praise of God the Father. Amen.

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