

Prayer Warriors Eph. 6:18-20

Spiritual warfare requires us to pray for ourselves and others, 18

- Note emphasis by repetition of *prayer* = 4x, *all* = 4x
- All are to be prayer warriors, Lk. 18:1, Col. 4:2, I Thess. 5:16-18.
Context = in the face of evil, as v.18 ptcps. refer back to v.17.
- Recall greatest example of wielding the *Sword of the Spirit* (17b) was Jesus' battling the devil in the wilderness. What is the greatest example of *praying in the Spirit*? Lk. 4:13, Jn. 14:30.
- Jesus prays and stands firm against evil, Lk. 22:41-44, while the warned disciples don't pray but sleep and soon flee, Lk. 22:40-46, Mk. 14:50-52. Thus use of wrong sword used in Jn. 18:9-11!
- See Matt. 6:13 for this as a regular thing to pray about.

Spiritual warfare requires us to especially pray for evangelists, 19-20

- Paul's request comes while in prison and set to stand before Emperor Nero in Rome.
- We should pray for saints in trouble (18) and Paul often sought prayer, Col. 4:3-5, I Thess. 5:25, II Thess. 3:1-4 (context = evil).
- This request shows the promise in Lk. 12:11,12 still means we should pray to know how best to speak.
- Paul's request is answered, II Tim. 4:17,18.



*Pray that you will not fall
in temptation.*