

PRAYERS
OF THE

EPHESIANS

Ephesians 6:10-20

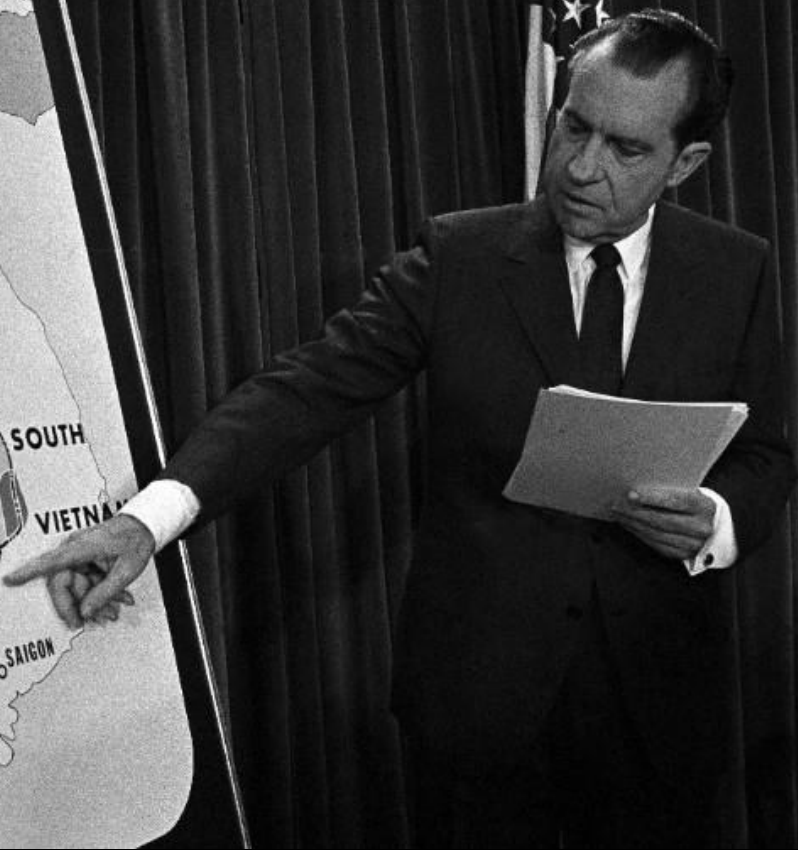
“10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities,

against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

18 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, 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.”





“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus.”

Revelation 12:17

The Christian life in the first place is a warfare and struggle. It is not a life of ease. This is not an invitation to come to a clinic to make you feel better. There is nothing sentimental here. We are in enemy territory. This is a warfare you and I have to wage.”

Martin Lloyd Jones



CHILDREN OF LIGHT

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Paul calls believers under attack to be strong in the Lord and pray.

1) Know Your Enemy

2) Stand Your Ground

3) Pray in the Spirit

Finally, be strong in the Lord and
in the strength of his might. Vs 10

“I am certain that one of the main causes of the ill state of the Church today is the fact that the devil is being forgotten. All is attributed to us; we have all become psychological in our attitude and thinking. We are ignorant of this great objective fact, the being, the existence of the devil, the adversary, the accuser, and his “fiery darts.”

Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones

“There are two equal and opposite errors into which we fall about the devil. One is to disbelieve in his existence. The other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in him. He is equally pleased with both errors.”

C.S Lewis, Screwtape Letters

PEOPLE
OF
THE LIE
↑↑ THE HOPE
FOR HEALING
HUMAN EVIL

M. SCOTT PECK, M.D.
Author of **THE ROAD LESS TRAVELED**

"I now know
that Satan is
real. I have
met it."

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Sermon Outline

Drawing by COLLIN HICKS

"A Holistic Witness in a Hostile World"

John 15:18-27



NEXT WEEK September 4—ONE worship service —Jonah 1

“..we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. “

2 Corinthians 10: 3,4

3) Pray in the Spirit

“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. vs 18-20

“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from the prayerless study, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

Samuel Chadwick

“Depend upon it, if you are bent on prayer, the devil will not leave you alone. He will molest you, tantalize you, block you, and will surely find some hindrances, big or little or both. And we sometimes fail because we are ignorant of his devices...I do not think he minds our praying about things if we leave it at that. What he minds, and opposes steadily, is the prayer that prays on until it is prayed through, assured of the answer.”

Mary Warburton Booth

The condition of the church may be very accurately gauged by its prayer meetings. So is the prayer meeting a grace-ometer, and from it we may judge of the amount of divine working among a people. If God be near a church, it must pray. And if He be not there, one of the first tokens of His absence will be a slothfulness in prayer!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

- The very act of prayer is a blessing.
- To pray is to enter the treasure-house of God and to gather riches out of an inexhaustible storehouse.
- To pray is to grasp heaven in one's arms, to embrace the Deity within one's soul, and to feel one's body made a temple of the Holy Spirit.
- You are before the Lord; let your words be few, but let your heart be fervent.
- As well could you expect a plant to grow without air and water as to expect your heart to grow without prayer and faith.

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

In all states of dilemma or of difficulty, prayer is an available source. The ship of prayer may sail through all temptations, doubts and fears, straight up to the throne of God; and though she may be outward bound with only griefs, and groans, and sighs, she shall return freighted with a wealth of blessings!

Charles Haddon Spurgeon



