

Connected-My Life in the Church
Lesson 6: Connected Through Prayer
Lesson Text: Ephesians 6:18-22
Background Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-17

Question: What do you miss most when the power goes out?

Prayer: speaking to God especially in order to give thanks or to ask for something, communing with God.

Ephesians 6:18

18 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 Lord's people.

- *Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. (Luke 18:1 NIV)*
- *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. (Colossians 4:2-4 NIV)*
- *Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NIV)*

Ephesians 6:19-20

19 Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel,

- *29 Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. 30 Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." 31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:29-31)*

20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Ephesians 6:21-22

21 Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing.

22 I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

23 Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

24 Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Life Application Questions

- **How does the command to pray influence our daily lives?**
- What keeps us from being aware of our church leaders' needs?
- How do we discern who or what to pray about?
- How can we use the tools at our disposal to more fully support each other through prayer?

Live It Out

God works through the prayers of His people. Therefore, consider these practical ways to pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ.

- ***Pray for salvation:*** Many people miss the benefits of church membership because they are not part of the church. Pray for the salvation of at least one person who needs it.
- ***Pray for church leaders:*** Commit to pray five minutes each day for your pastor, church leaders and the church.