

Ministry of Prayer
Ephesians 6:18-24

I. Power in Prayer – 6:18

1. Prayer, a powerful resource in conflict
Prayer connects us with God & His power
God encourages us to pray with many promises
2. Effective prayer must be heartfelt
With all prayer and supplication
Pray with earnest faith
Holy Spirit helps us pray in God's will
We are to watch and persevere in prayer
Encouraged to pray without ceasing
3. We are to pray for others
We are to pray for all who are believers
We are to pray for others – 2 Tim. 2:1-4
We are to pray for those in ministry -19

II. Paul's Request for Prayer - 6:19-22

1. Paul is aware of power of united prayer
Counting on them to pray for him in his ministry
Paul experienced spiritual conflict
Was in prison for His witness – 20
Does not pray first for release
In prison as Lord's ambassador to speak for Him
He wants to speak boldly in the power of God's Spirit
2. Paul's request is for effective ministry
That utterance may be given to Him
Recognized that God was the source
That he might speak boldly the mystery of the Gospel
This new revelation from God was the issue
He was God's ambassador and must speak
3. Paul is faithful in sharing his needs – 21-22
Paul sends Tychicus to serve the church
He is a beloved brother and a faithful minister in the Lord
He will report on my affairs to help you pray
He will seek to comfort you in your conflicts

III. Pronouncing God's Blessing - 6:23-24

1. God's blessing on them – 23
That they might experience God's peace and love
As they continue in faith, trusting God
That God's grace might sustain them in whatever
This blessing is from God the Father & the Lord Jesus Christ
This takes us back to Ephesians 1:3
All of God's blessings come to us through Jesus Christ
2. Also pronounces grace upon them – 24
For all who sincerely love our Lord Jesus Christ
This is how Paul closes his epistles