

## One More Piece of Armor

### Scripture

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints——” (Eph 6:18 NKJV)

### Devotion

The last piece of armor, not called so, but every bit as important as the rest is prayer. Think of prayer as the straps and ties that hold on the armor, that which secures it to the Lord’s soldier. All of our diligent study means little if it is not bathed in prayer. God said, “Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with [their] lips, But their heart is far from Me.’” (Mt 15:7-8 NKJV) Prayer is the evidence that your armor is spiritual and not fleshly.

Prayer demonstrates a heart that is broken and contrite. It acknowledges one’s dependence upon God. Notice the phrasing of Ephesians 6:18. Praying always or on every occasion, but not just words mouthed from an unattached heart, rather words generated from deep in the spirit by the Spirit.

Not only are our prayers to be heartfelt; they are to be purposeful. We are to be watchful to this end the Scripture says. To what end we might ask? The preceding context would indicate that we are to be watchful to stand with our armor intact. We are to pray at all times and on all occasions that God would help us to stand against the wiles of the devil, and not only for ourselves but for all the saints.

Beloved, would you reflect for a moment on the serious tone of this passage and the former dealing with the armor of God. We need God every moment of every day. Let us not presume to have any strength in ourselves. We can do nothing without Him; but with Him all things are possible.

"Restraining prayer, we cease to fight; Prayer makes the Christian armor bright; And Satan trembles when he sees the meanest saint upon his knees."

“Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.” (1Jo 5:21 NKJV)