

*Ephesians 6:10-20*

"Warfare Prayer & Proclamation"\*

**Introduction:** "The Screwtape Letters" by C.S. Lewis

- **Screwtape's counsel to Wormwood:** "The amateurish suggestions in your last letter warn me that it is high time for me to write to you fully on the painful subject of prayer. The best thing, where it is possible, is to keep the patient from serious intention of praying altogether."
- **Prayer:** a means by which believer's express their praises to God.
- **Prayer:** a means by which believer's confess and repent of their sins against God.
- **Prayer:** a means by which believer's express their thanksgiving to God and offer up their petitions to Him.

**We must heed the call of God** to His people to pray in the \_\_\_\_\_, with

\_\_\_\_\_, and with specific petitions for those who \_\_\_\_\_

the gospel of Jesus Christ.

- **The believers in Ephesus:** hated by Satan and fiercely opposed by him.

- **Prayer:** a crucial part of fighting the good fight of the faith.
- **Richard Alleine on prayer:** "If the devil can keep you out of your closets, he will not fear to meet you in the field. He will not mind you standing on your feet if he can but keep you from falling on your knees."
- **The Holy Spirit:** prompts God's people to pray and empowers their prayers.
- **The Lord's Prayer:** contains the petition of, "Deliver us from evil."
- **A strong connection:** found in the union of keeping alert and prayer.
- **A powerful reminder:** even the great Apostle Paul needed prayer!
- **Paul's ironic identification of himself:** "An ambassador in chains."
- **An item for prayer in our church age:** Pray for the bold proclamation of the gospel.
- **Personal Application:**

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