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## Prayer Force

Ephesians 6:18-24

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<sup>18</sup>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 saints.

<sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

<sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

<sup>23</sup>Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

## Exodus 17:8-16

<sup>8</sup>The Amalekites came and attacked the Israelites at Rephidim. <sup>9</sup>Moses said to Joshua, "Choose some of our men and go out to fight the Amalekites. Tomorrow I will stand on top of the hill with the staff of God in my hands."

<sup>10</sup>So Joshua fought the Amalekites as Moses had ordered, and Moses, Aaron and Hur went to the top of the hill. <sup>11</sup>As long as Moses held up his hands, the Israelites were winning, but whenever he lowered his hands, the Amalekites were winning.

<sup>12</sup>When Moses' hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset. <sup>13</sup>So Joshua overcame the Amalekite army with the sword.

<sup>14</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "Write this on a scroll as something to be remembered and make sure that Joshua hears it, because I will completely blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven." <sup>15</sup>Moses built an altar and called it The LORD is my Banner. <sup>16</sup>He said, "For hands were lifted up to the throne of the LORD."

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Spend some time each day reading, meditating on, studying, and applying Ephesians 6:10-20. Here are some resources that may help:

<http://parkerhill.wordpress.com> – weekend follow-up questions for you and your small group

**Prayer** – By Philip Yancey

**Too Busy Not to Pray** – By Bill Hybels

**You can also read the following passages** of Scripture which expand on the theme of today's message:

Genesis 3:1-15

Luke 11:1-13

Luke 18:1-8

John 17

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