

# Sermon Handout

## Praying for God's People Ephesians 6:13-18

### I. Introduction

#### a. Prepare yourselves vv. 13-17

Be clothed with the evidences of righteousness

Citing Is 59:17

#### b. Pray of the saints (fellow believers) v. 18

Watching with perseverance *cf.* Mt 26:41

Do not be turned aside in your attentiveness to Christ

Nor in your prayers of God's people

#### Conclusion:

Our prayer life cannot be separated from our spiritual well-being and genuine faith in God.

### II. When shall we pray?

#### a. Morning

Ps 63:1 seeking God early

Mk 1:35 the example of Jesus

Ps 5:1-3 the example of David

Job 1:5 the example of Job (*cf.* v. 8)

#### b. Evening & morning (reflecting the creation narrative)

Ps 63:6; 119:147-148; *cf.* Ps 1:2

I Thess 3:7-10

I Tim 1:3

### III. For whom should we pray?

#### a. Eph 6:18 For all saints

i. That they may stand fast v. 14

ii. That they may withstand evil influence vv. 12-13

#### b. I Tim 2:1-4 For all men (including rulers)

That the gospel may prosper in the earth

### IV. How shall we pray for the saints?

#### St. Paul's example Col 1:9-12

1. Filled w/ knowledge of God's will in wisdom

2. Walk worthy of Jesus; fruitful, growth in understanding

3. Strengthened by God's power; endurance & forbearance

4. Thankful hearts for God's gifts