

Pray selflessly (... & *petition for all the saints*)

⇒ for others

prayer is never a purely selfish thing

Note that Paul specifically asks prayer for himself -

especially for boldness in proclamation

Why?

Battle is too ferocious to stand alone

We need to pray for each other! NOW!

- for victory in your spiritual walk
- for boldness in your spiritual witness

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Prayer**

What is the work of ministry?

Pray Variously (*with all prayer & petition*)

prayer = conversation w/ God

petition = need, an asking, entreaty

usually asking on behalf of another

When our prayers sound the same, we may be stuck in a rut.

Pray Continuously (*... at all times*)

in spirit of 1 Thessalonians 5:17, *pray w/o ceasing*

⇒ keeping the conversation w/ God going;

Speaks to our need to be continually plugged into the power of God

Pray in the Spirit (... in the Spirit)

Biblical pattern for prayer is

to the Father, through the Son, in the Sp

Rom 8:26-27

Spirit understands the mind of God and assists us in our praying according to the will of God

Spirit intercedes for us when we do not know how to pray

To pray *in the Spirit* is similar to praying in the name of Jesus.

⇒ in the power & authority of

⇒ in submission or surrender to

⇒ alignment of my desires & purposes with those of the Spirit

Pray attentively (... w/ this in view, be on the alert)

on the alert = awake; watching

Mark 14:38, Jesus in the Garden

Colossians 4:2

Prayer is work!

Pray persistently (... w/ all perseverance)

perseverance

=> stay at it; keep it up; unrelenting

demonstrates concern; burden;

which keeps the intensity of the need HOT