

## Prayer, the Powerful Activator - Week 5

**Prayer is the Putting On of the armor of God. It's our confession that activates the weapons of our warfare. Prayer invites God's Presence and Power into our every moment and affirms our dependence on Him.** *Ephesians 6:18; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5; Romans 7:23; James 1:14-16*

**1. Pray in the Spirit. Praying in the Spirit aligns my heart with God's heart as I agree with His word and confess His truth in every situation I face every day.** *Romans 10:9-10*

**2. Pray All the Time. Praying all the time runs every moment of my life, every voice I hear, every thought I'm processing, and every response I'm about to make, through the God-program.** *Galatians 5:16-18*

**3. Pray with Alertness. Praying with alertness keeps me aware that at any given moment the enemy will attack to tempt me, or at the very least, my human weakness will try to assert my own will over the will and purposes of God.** *Colossians 4:2-3*

**4. Pray with Persistence. Praying with persistence keeps me trusting in God's goodness and provision, not my own strength. It keeps me dependent on Him.** *Luke 11:5-13*

**5. Pray for People everywhere. Praying for all believers helps us remember life is not about "me", it's about "us". It helps us have God's perspective on our "oneness" and enter in to the battle for the "WHOLE" body of Christ.** *Luke 11:1-2a*

### 5 Reasons Why We Pray

**Pray to Partake in the Nature of God.** *2 Peter 1:3-4; Colossians 1:9-12*

**Pray to Prepare for God's Purposes.** *Mark 1:35-39*

**Pray to bring Pleasure to our Father.** *Psalms 27:8; Psalm 149:1-4*

**Pray to Participate with God's Plans.** *John 5:19-20*

"If you read history you will find that the Christians who did the most for the present world were precisely those who thought the most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this."

- C.S. Lewis

**Pray for His Presence and Power.** *John 15:1-8; James 5:16*

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**Reading Guide:** Take time this week to read through the Scriptures in the message and reflect on them deeply.

### Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think about what God wants in the situations you face? How does this work for you?
2. Are you aware of the attack of the enemy when it happens? How do you respond when it does?
3. What do you normally pray about? Do you tend to see things from God's perspective, or yours? How could this change so that you could be a more effective prayer warrior?