

***“Making Supplication for
all the Saints”***

Eph 6:10-20

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The Four “Alls” of Eph 6:18

- “Praying in the Spirit at *all* times”
- “With *all* prayer and supplication”
- “Keep alert with *all* perseverance”
- “Making intercession for *all* the saints”

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1 Peter 2:9

*“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people for his own possession,
that you may proclaim the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his
marvelous light.”*

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- The Bible does refer to us as “Christians” or “believers” but it’s favorite terms are by far “beloved” and “saints.”
- The word “saints” is used to refer to Christians over 60 times in the Bible and 9 times in Ephesians (1:1,15,18; 2:19; 3:8,18; 4:12; 5:3;

On Praying for “All the Saints”

- One of the primary reasons we need to pray in the Spirit at all times is so that we can make supplication for all the saints.
- One way to understand Eph 6:18 is this: “Stay awake in prayer with all perseverance because you need to pray for all the saints.”
- The following texts from Ephesians highlight the depth of our life together in Christ: 1:22-23; 2:11-22; 3:10; 4:3-6, 11-16; 4:17-6:9; 6:10-20.

On Praying for “All the Saints”

- The Bible does invite us to prayer for our own needs (Eph 6:18; Phil 4:6; 1 Pet 5:6-7).
- However, the Bible also commands us to move beyond ourselves in prayer.
- Christians who mainly pray for themselves display immaturity in Christ; Christians who mainly pray for others display maturity in Christ.

Closing Questions:

- Do you see the strength of the call to prayer in Eph 6:18 and elsewhere?
- Do you see that the emphasis of this call falls on the body and not the individual and therefore that it's important we pray together?
- What steps do you think the Lord is calling you to take right now in this regard?
- How will you come out of your isolation in prayer and learn to pray for others with others?