

“MAKING SUPPLICATION FOR ALL THE SAINTS”
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study & Reflection

1. Paul uses the word “all” four times in Eph 6:18—can you find them? Briefly put, what do you think Paul is trying to say with each “all”?
2. What is the literal meaning of the word “saints”? To whom does this word refer, a sub-class of “super-Christians” or to all Christians?
3. What does the word “holy” mean and how does this relate to the fact that the Bible calls us who believe in Christ “holy ones” over 60 times? (See 1 Pet 2:9)
4. Pastor Charlie said that Eph 6:18 could be understood to say, “Stay awake in prayer with all perseverance *so that* you can make supplication for all the saints.” Do you get his point? Do you agree with how he’s reading the verse? Why or why not?
5. Read the following texts and discuss the communal nature of our life in Christ and how this relates to prayer: Eph 1:22-23, 2:19-22, 3:10, 4:3-6, 4:11-16, 6:10-20.
6. Spend some private time in prayer with the Lord and consider the following questions:
 - i. Do you see the strength of the call to prayer in Eph 6:18 and elsewhere?
 - ii. Do you see that the emphasis of this call falls on the body and not the individual and therefore that it’s important that we pray together?
 - iii. What steps do you think the Lord is calling you to take right now in this regard?
 - iv. How will you come out of your isolation in prayer and learn to pray for others with others?