

As we engage spiritual battle, pray for our unity as we face our enemy together

1. We engage in spiritual battle together when we _____ for one another

Ephesians 6:13-20

"We are to pray at all times (both regularly and constantly), with all prayer and supplication (for it takes many and varied forms), with all perseverance (because we need like good soldiers to keep alert), making supplication for all the saints (since the unity of God's new society, which has been the preoccupation of this whole letter, must be reflected in our prayers). Most Christians pray sometimes, with some prayers and some degree of perseverance, for some of God's people. But to replace 'some' by 'all' in each of these expressions would be to introduce us to a new dimension of prayer."

John Stott, *The Bible Speaks Today - The Message of Ephesians*

We are in the midst of spiritual battle during this pandemic and the goal is not "back to normal," but to be "an _____ on purpose"

2. Biblically, prayer is demonstrated as an _____ resource for spiritual battle

2 Thessalonians 3:3

Why so many of us struggle with prayer – because we want to "do it ourselves" and attempt to deal with the challenges that we face and fix our problems with our resources, rather than _____ on God for His

Judges – Judges 16:28

Kings – 2 Samuel 15:31

Prophets – 2 Kings 6:17-18

Governors – Nehemiah 6:9

Jesus – Matthew 26:36-38

The Church – 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

“. . . the church cannot fulfill her calling apart from the power of God, and prayer is a primary means to live in that power. Prayer is both a confession of dependence upon God and cry for relationship with him, a means by which we grow in him. The healthy church must, therefore, not neglect this critical purpose of the church – particularly when persecution is one of the enemy’s tools to try to devour the people of God.”

Chuck Lawless, *Spiritual Warfare in the Storyline of Scripture*

“When we work, we work; when we pray, God works.”

3. Jesus prayed for our _____ as it is key to our mission in the midst of spiritual battle

John 17:20-23

See that this prayer is more than sentimental, but that it has a request of mainly one thing – our _____

Trinity Core Value

Your calling is to influence your world with Jesus

Romans 8:34

Now What? As we engage spiritual battle, pray for our unity as we face our enemy together