

The Sending Church, Part 2: “Praying for Gospel Workers”
Ephesians 6:16-20
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*Stand strong in prayer as a church
 for Gospel work to the nations!*

I. The church engages in spiritual battle by praying (16-18).

Ephesians 6:16-18 (ESV): *16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...*

1. We stand strong together in the Gospel in the midst of the spiritual battle (16-17). See *Ephesians 6:10*.
2. We stand strong together in the Gospel by being committed to prayer (18). See *Romans 8:11*.

→ **Life Application #1:** What do you envision your ministry of prayer to be? Take steps to develop your ministry of prayer.

II. The church partners with Gospel workers in prayer (19-20).

Ephesians 6:19-20 (ESV): *... 19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.*

1. We can partner with Gospel workers by praying for a bold ministry of God's Word (19-20). See *2 Corinthians 5:19-20, Colossians 4:3, 2 Thessalonians 3:1*.
 - Pray that the Gospel will spread and multiply rapidly among this people group, leading to faith and obedience (2 Thessalonians 3:1).
 - Pray that God will give them many opportunities to speak about God's salvation in Christ (Colossians 4:3).
 - Pray that they will speak the Word of God boldly in those opportunities as faithful ambassadors of Christ (Ephesians 6:19-20).
2. We can partner with Gospel workers by including them in our prayer ministries (19-20).

→ **Life Application #2:** Who are some Gospel workers that God is leading you to partner with in prayer? Think of how to incorporate them into your prayer ministry.