

Jesus. His Sufficiency.

The Book of **Colossians**

BE DEVOTED TO PRAYER

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Colossians 4:2-4

**Because life is a
battle, we must
devote ourselves to
prayer.**

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 - A. We Are Awaiting Jesus' Return**

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”

~ 1 Peter 5:8

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“Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is

coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also

must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

~ Matthew 24:40-44

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“...the Lord Jesus [will be] revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not

***obey the gospel of our
Lord Jesus. They will
suffer the punishment of
eternal destruction, away
from the presence of the
Lord and from the glory of
his might, when he comes***

***on that day to be glorified
in his saints, and to be
marveled at among all
who have believed.”***

~ 2 Thessalonians 1:7b-10

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- **Life Is A Battle**
 - A. We Are Awaiting Jesus' Return**
 - B. We Battle Ingratitude**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.”

~ Philippians 4:6

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- **Life Is A Battle**
 - A. We Are Awaiting Jesus' Return**
 - B. We Battle Ingratitude**
 - C. We Are Linked With Others In A Common Mission**

***“Epaphras, who is one of you,
a servant of Christ Jesus,
greet you, always struggling
on your behalf in his prayers,
that you may stand mature
and fully assured in all the will
of God.”***

~ Colossians 4:12

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**D. Our Mission Involves
The Progress Of The
Gospel In Spite Of
Opposition**

“...keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an

***ambassador in chains, that I
may declare it boldly, as I
ought to speak.”***

~ Ephesians 6:18b-20

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- **Therefore, Be
Devoted To Prayer**

“Probably the number one reason prayer malfunctions in the hands of believers is that we try to turn a wartime walkie-talkie into a domestic intercom. Until you know that life is war, you cannot know what prayer is for. Prayer is for the

accomplishment of a wartime mission. It is as though the field commander (Jesus) called in the troops, gave them a crucial mission (go and bear fruit), handed each of them a personal transmitter coded to the frequency of the

General's headquarters, and said, 'Comrades, the General has a mission for you. He aims to see it accomplished. And to that end he has authorized me to give each of you personal access to him through these transmitters. If you stay true to

his mission and seek his victory first, he will always be as close as your transmitter, to give tactical advice and to send air cover when you need it. But what have millions of Christians done? We have stopped believing that we are in

a war. No urgency, no watching, no vigilance. No strategic planning. Just easy peace and prosperity. And what did we do with the walkie-talkie?

We tried to rig it up as an intercom in our houses and cabins and boats and cars—not

***to call in firepower for conflict
with a mortal enemy but to ask
for more comforts in the den.”***

~ John Piper
Let The Nations Be Glad

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***“The easiest thing about
praying is quitting.”***

~ Sam Storms
The Hope Of Glory, pg 312

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“The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.”

~ Psalm 145:18-19

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“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

~ Matthew 6:7-8

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