

## Prayer Gives us...

### 1) \_\_\_\_\_

“Wisdom is looking at life from God’s point of view.” - Adrian Rodgers

Psalm 73:3–6 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness.

<sup>4</sup> They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong.

<sup>5</sup> They don’t have troubles like other people; they’re not plagued with problems like everyone else.

<sup>6</sup> They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty.

Psalm 73:13–14 (NLT)

<sup>13</sup> Did I keep my heart pure for nothing? Did I keep myself innocent for no reason?

<sup>14</sup> I get nothing but trouble all day long; every morning brings me pain.

Psalm 73:17–20 (NLT)

<sup>17</sup> Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked.

<sup>18</sup> Truly, you put them on a slippery path and send them sliding over the cliff to destruction.

<sup>19</sup> In an instant they are destroyed, completely swept away by terrors.

<sup>20</sup> When you arise, O Lord, you will laugh at their silly ideas as a person laughs at dreams in the morning.

### 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Ephesians 6:14–17 (NLT)

<sup>14</sup> Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God’s righteousness.

<sup>15</sup> For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.

<sup>16</sup> In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

<sup>17</sup> Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Ephesians 6:18–20 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

<sup>19</sup> And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God’s mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike.

<sup>20</sup> I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God’s ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should.

Ephesians 6:18 (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> 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,

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ of God's presence**

"God does not merely speak... he is present. Prayer is steeped in the awareness, often an awe-filled awareness, of the presence of God." Edmund Clowney

Psalm 23:1-4 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.

<sup>2</sup> He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.

<sup>3</sup> He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.

<sup>4</sup> Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.

Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.