

We were about to watch a rocket launch from across the bay delivering food and experiments to the International Space Station. We were alert. Watching and ready. The whole crowd was in fact. Then, we saw it, even smelled it, and heard it. The rocket making its way skyward.

Paul coaches us to stay alert with unceasing prayers for all of the LORD's people. You might have thought, "oh, do my prayers really matter?" Brother and sister, the unequivocal answer is, "Yes! They do!" Just before, Paul is writing about a battle that occurs far greater than your 20/10 vision can perceive. A spiritual battle. After delineating armor to take up daily, he lists prayer as the directive.

As you pray, you partner with The Almighty, submitting to Our Master and Commander, seeking and beseeching Him for His Glory, work, and intervention. Prayer is partnership. You are in league with The King of Kings at the front of the charge. He is the defeater of darkness, the Victor over the grave,

Do you see a need? Pray. Does your heart break for what breaks His? Pray. Do you wonder about an outcome for another? The spiritual state or heart condition of someone? Pray with all kinds of prayers and requests and redeem the time with conversation with Him, echoing Christ our King, "Not my will, but Thine be done."

Exercise it out:

Today as you recognize opportunities to pray. Do so. In the moment. Pause. Intercede (out loud if you are able where you are). Partner with, and submit to, Christ our King.

"Mastering the art of prayer, like any other art, will take time, and the amount of time we allocate to it will be the true measure of our conception of its importance."

J. Oswald Sanders

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