**Ephesians 6: 17-20, NKJV, ”And take the helmet of salvation**, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19**and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel**, 20for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

**Threading through this “sword-swinging,” supplication-saturated, solidly-spoken, Sunday’s verse, note that Paul (who wrote this while in prison) charged us to keep on praying! That means, in simple layman's terms,’get on your knees,' 'fall on your face before Almighty God,' ask, plead, beg, appeal, request, petition, and implore the King for HIS freely-given help. He will not fail you….ever.**

***Paul pointedly prods us to purposefully pray so “*that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.”**

**And always…pray…”cry out,” “cling to,” “crave,” and “commune with” the Father, as I do for you. Pray tell! Today, this “Sword of the Spirit” Sunday, adjure, beseech, entreat, invoke, recite, solicit, supplicate and urge our great God to give you persevering strength in your endeavors!**

**Let us pray always and forever!**

***Because we* take-on the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,**

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***I Thessalonians 5:17, KJV,* “Pray without ceasing.”**

**Dear Lord God, help me to be fully-girded in Your Sprit and Your salvation. Keep me “prayed up” and “read up” so that my actions can be saturated in Your love. Remind me of the Apostle Paul who faced death and prison to serve Your great good. Show me my path. Show me my mission. Show me my charge. Forgive my fear; target my task. Allow me to find someone today to encourage and “share with.” I ask Your help for Your people, Israel, and protection for Your city, Jerusalem. Thank You for Your gigantic grace and freely-given hope. Bring Your kingdom to earth, my soon-coming King! Forgive me when I disappoint You. I love You always! In Jesus’ name, Amen.**