

**Sermon Series:** Teach Us to Pray Lord of Life Lutheran Church, Westfield, IN - 2/13/2002

**Delivered by:** Guest Pastor - Len Fiene

**Title:** "Pray for the Church"

**Text:** Ephesians 6: 18 - 20

1. The Scene

- What is Paul's relationship to the congregation at Ephesus?
- What are his circumstances?
- What is this portion of the letter about (namely Christian Warfare cf. Eph. 6:10-17)

2. Pray in the Spirit

- How do we do this? cf. Romans 8D:26-27

3. Pray for all the saints v. 18

- Who are the saints? (the set apart ones)

4. Pray for me v. 19

- Pray for specific needs
- Pray for specific people, especially leaders. cf. I Thessalonians 5:25
- "Pray for us."

5. Why?

- Because of the will of God cf. I Tim. 2:1-4
- For boldness v. 20 "fearlessly"
- Under fire v. 19 "in chains"
- In all circumstances v. 9 (whenever)