

Praying the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

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“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil’s schemes.” Father, today I realize that I am in a spiritual battle. Your enemy is stronger than I but nowhere near as strong as you (1 John 4:4). Today I put on your armor. Help me to recognize his schemes and walk in your victory.

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.” Let me not get involved in flesh and blood warfare. The battle is in the heavenly, spiritual realms. People are not my enemy. They are merely victims of the real enemy, satan.

“Therefore, put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground.” Today I take my stand in the finished work of Jesus! When evil comes, may I be prepared to walk in obedience and victory.

“Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist,” I love your truth! May I know it, live it and share it with others. Your word is truth (John 17:17). Jesus is the way, the truth and the life (John 14:6). May I know the truth and be set free (John 8:32). Keep lies and falsehood far from me (Proverbs 30:8).

“with the breastplate of righteousness in place,” I have no righteousness of my own but the scripture says I am the righteousness of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:21). I pray today in His name and in His righteousness!

“and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.” May I be a peacemaker wherever I go today and may I be quick to share the gospel with those I meet.

“In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.” Protect me from the evil one and his schemes.

“Take the helmet of salvation” Thank you for my salvation! Thank you for giving me the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16). I set my mind on things above (Colossians 3:2) and take every thought captive to make it obedient to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5)

“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.” I love Your word, Father! I will use it as a weapon against Your foe. Your word is living, active and sharper than any double-edged sword (Hebrews 4:12).

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.”