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Ephesians Chapter 6:10-18 NIV

Ephesians 6:10-18 NIV 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 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. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. 18 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 Lord's people.

1. We need strength for the battle, but the strength comes from the Lord. Vs. 10.

2. The battle is spiritual. You have an enemy who is strategic. Vs. 11.

3. We do not fight against flesh and blood. Vs. 12.

4. We need to protect ourselves. Vs. 13.

5. We need to hold on to truth, righteousness, the gospel, faith, our salvation and the sword of the Spirit and prayer. Vs. 14-17.

Praying Ephesians Into My Life:

Lord, thank you for taking up residency in me, for dwelling in me, for loving me so much, for never leaving me. Now, will you give me the strength, by your Holy Spirit living in me, to live a life that pleases you. Help me let go of anything that grieves You. Please help me imitate you with my words, with my life and in all my relationships. Help me have as the ambition of my life to please you, allowing me to live a life worthy of the calling you have placed on me. Help me live my life by making the most of every opportunity you give me in the short time I am on this planet. Give me wisdom and discernment to identify the schemes of Satan in my life. Give me the power from your Holy Spirit to stand against the temptations and trials I face. I commit to put on Your armor daily, to extinguish the flaming arrows the demons shoot at me, to be assertive in my spiritual life not giving in nor giving up. I am yours God, to use in whatever way you find best for my life. Help me be sensitive to the needs of those around me. Let your love flow out of me today and each day of my life.

In Jesus Name, Amen.