

# PRAY FIRST

## PUT ON YOUR SPIRITUAL ARMOR

*"Put on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood; but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God; that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God " (Eph. 6:11-17)*

**The Helmet of Salvation:** "Lord, protect my mind. Keep my mind and eyes focused on you. Let me think right. Let me view things through your eyes. Let me not be conformed to this world's way of thinking. Let me be transformed by the renewing of my mind, that I may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom. 12:2)

*"Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isa. 26:3)*

*"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." (Rom. 8:6).*

*"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus." (Phil. 2:5)*

**The Breastplate of Righteousness:** "Lord, keep my heart right. Filter everything that comes into or out of my heart through your righteousness. Lead me in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. (Ps.23:3) Come and rain your righteousness upon us." (Hos. 10:12)

"Let me be easily impressed by your Spirit. Let me recognize the unction and guidance of your righteousness in my life. Let me be led by your Holy Spirit in all I say and do."

**Loins Girt about with Truth:** "Lord, put a love of the truth in my heart. Gird me about with truth. Spirit of Truth, wrap yourself around me. Let truth keep me from all lies and all error and every false way. For your Word speaks of those who 'with all deceivableness of unrighteousness ...perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved' (II Thess. 2:10). So let us love the truth, not just in word, but in deed."

**Feet Shod with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace:** "Lord, everywhere I go let me bring peace. Grant to me a willingness to be peaceful and to bring peace, a willingness to *'Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.'*" (Heb. 12:14). Let me be a peacemaker.

*"How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace..."* (Isa. 52:7). Let me be a person who publishes and spreads your peace."

"Lord, guide our feet into the way of peace. (Luke 1:79). Set my feet in a large place safe from the pit. Send your angels to keep me from dashing my feet against a stone." (Ps. 91:12).

**The Shield of Faith:** "Lord, quench all the fiery darts of the enemy. For you are the author and the finisher of my faith. Let me be able to truly say with Paul, *'I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God; who loved me, and gave himself for me.'*" (Gal. 2:20).

"Your Word declares that, *'He shall cover thee with his feathers and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.'*" (Ps. 91:4). Grant it, Lord! My prayer is that my *'faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.'*" (I Cor. 2:5). Protect us from the enemy's attacks, Lord!

**The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God:** "I come on the offensive, with your Word as my weapon, against the gates of hell. Anoint your Word in my heart, mind, and mouth. Let your Word do a work in me and through me. Let me be a channel through which your living Word can flow powerfully and effectively."

*"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."* (Heb. 4:12).

*"The righteousness which is of faith speaketh on this wise, Say not in thine heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down from above:) Or, Who shall descend into the deep? (that is, to bring up Christ again from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart: that is the word of faith, which we preach." (Rom 10:6-8).*