

## Prayer for Spiritual Warfare

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### EPHESIANS 6:13-20

*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. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.*

*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. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, 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.*

### PRAISE

Father in heaven, we praise you that you are sovereign over everything. We praise you that you rule over all of your creation because you created it all and it all belongs to you.

Thank you, Father, that from the fall, you have been at work redeeming all of creation from the effects of sin. We praise you, that through Jesus, redemption has been made possible, and the struggle against evil has already been won.

We praise you that in Jesus, we know that sin has been paid for, death is defeated, and the enemy will not win.

We praise you that through the Spirit, there is power to overcome the evil one and sin in our lives. Thank you for your protection, your filling, and your equipping to help us defeat the enemy's work in our lives.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we praise you that in you, we can stand firm!

### PRAYER PROMPTS

Father, we praise you that you rule over...

Jesus, we praise you that you have defeated sin and death because...

Spirit, we praise you that you give us power to overcome...

## REQUESTS

Jesus, you teach us to ask when you taught us to pray, "deliver us from evil."

And so we pray that you will protect us from the evil one. Help us realize that "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 (Eph 6:12)."

Help us to take the stand against the devil's schemes and be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Cloth us with the full armor of God so that we may be able to stand against the spiritual forces that oppose us and you.

Equip us to fight the good fight and resist the enemy, not on our own strength, but through your Word, through your Spirit, and through prayer. Help us to do this in community with one another, not thinking we can do it alone.

We pray against the spiritual conflicts in our neighborhoods, in our churches, in our own lives. We pray that through the power of the Holy Spirit, you would bring freedom to those captive to sin, release for the prisoners of darkness, so that we might live in the life of the Son.

## PRAYER PROMPTS

Guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus when...

Protect \_\_\_\_\_ from the lies of the evil one in...

Bring freedom from oppression and bondage for...

## CLOSING PRAYER

Father, continue to do the work of transforming our hearts to be like yours, longing for the world to see you and come to believe in you.

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