

THE PRAYER OF WARFARE

I love you, O Yahweh, because you are my strength, my rock, my fortress and deliverer; my God in whom I trust; my shield and stronghold. I will call upon you, O Yahweh, for you are worthy to be praised and I shall be saved from my enemies. Today, I choose to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under the shadow of your wing. Your name, O Yahweh, is a strong tower and I, as a righteous person, run to it and know you will save me. You alone are my light and salvation: whom shall I fear? You are the strength of my life: of whom shall I be afraid? I pray today that you would preserve my whole spirit, soul, and body blameless until the return of your Son. I know you are able to keep me from stumbling and to present me faultless before your presence with exceeding joy.

Bless you, Father, for you have set me free from sin and death. Jesus, because you died, sin does not have dominion over me for I live under grace. You condemned the power and authority of sin so the true intention of your Word would be fulfilled in me. Because I have been united with you, Jesus, in your death and resurrection, my sinful nature was crucified, I am dead to sin, and am no longer a slave of it. Sin will not reign in me and I will not obey its passions. I am a servant of righteousness, cast off the old sinful nature, and receive your righteousness and holiness.

Thank you that no temptation will present itself too great to resist by your power, for you are a faithful God. In the face of all my trials and temptations, you will make a way of escape, so I can stand in victory. Father, I pray your grace softens my heart so I am submissive to you. Keep me from the hardness of heart that would force you to lead me into testing designed to reveal the sin and weakness I have ignored or refused to surrender.

Today, I give myself to be sober and vigilant, knowing my adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion seeking to devour me. I resist him, steadfast in faith. I declare no weapon formed against me will prosper, and anything that rises against me in judgment shall be condemned.

Praying the Armor of God

- **Belt of Truth:** Pray for the revelation of objective reality: seeing God, his will, myself, others, and my relationships through his eyes as revealed in his Word (Proverbs 23:23; John 16:13).
- **Breastplate of Righteousness:** Pray for Jesus' righteousness to invade our image and destiny so we're conformed to his image and call; pray for an obedient heart (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; I Corinthians 1:30).
- **Shoes of the Gospel of Peace:** Pray for readiness to bring God's Kingdom of peace to ourselves, other believers, and the lost (Romans 14:17). Pray for the increase of faith and passion to expand God's kingdom at all times (I Corinthians 9:19-27; Philippians 3:7-14).
- **Shield of Faith:** Pray for absolute trust in God's Word, character, and promises so our inward and outward person is protected from sin—the lust of the flesh, eyes, and pride of life—the world, and Satan (Romans 8:28,29,32; Hebrews 11:6; Mark 11:20-26; I John 2:16).
- **Helmet of Salvation:** Pray to renew our mind on God's word and promise, bringing every thought into captivity so our entire being is supernaturally transformed through the Messiah's blood and the power of the Spirit (Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 8:1-14; 12:1,2; II Corinthians 10:3-5).
- **Sword of the Spirit:** Pray that the living, active Word of God is empowered by the Spirit, making his Word and promises alive in us. Pray God's Word and promises become an experiential reality—his Word is written on our hearts and minds (Hebrews 4:12-16; 8:8-10).