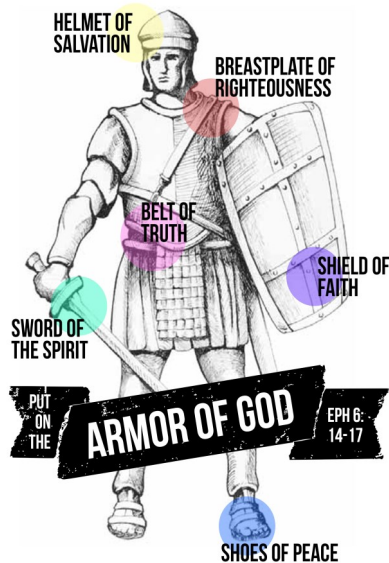


Spiritual warfare

These certainly are unsettling times. We are told in Ephesians that we should put on the armour of God to equip us and protect us every day.

Pick up your bible and read Ephesians 6: 10 - 18



As in a battle sometimes we have to fight and take ground but sometimes we have to hold our ground. Before we put the armour on we are to “Stand firm”.

One image of this can be a lighthouse. It doesn't go into battle or rush out and save the stranded ship but it's job is vital. As it stands firm against the vast, overwhelming waves it is a beacon of light to show the way and alert of the dangers surrounding it.

As we stand firm we don't just stand passively. We stand in the authority of Jesus, we speak with the authority of Jesus and we pray in the certainty of our prayers being heard. Our words are powerful and can impact any situation and we are called to pray and speak the words of Jesus with the expectation that our prayers are heard and God will answer.

So here are some prayers that might help you to pray with authority...

Authority over your family

Daily Battle Prayer

Thank you, Lord for your protection over my family. I come against any plot, ploy or scheme that the enemy has planned for us and I render it useless in Jesus' name. We are the head and not the tail, above only and not beneath. NO weapon formed against us will prosper and every tongue that rises against us will be condemned. We have the minds of Christ and victory is ours today in Him. We are children of the Most High and we rest in His goodness and faithfulness today. In Jesus' name, Amen

As you stand pray this prayer with authority over your family.

Blessing for Nuneaton

In the name of Jesus, we bless Nuneaton.

We bless the heritage of this town and all the good things that God is doing here.

We bless each person in Nuneaton in every area of life.

We bless them to know the love of Almighty God who created them.

We bless them to know Jesus Christ, His Son, as Lord and Saviour, Healer and friend.

We bless them to know the work of the Holy Spirit, bringing them to new life and fresh hope.

We bless every home in Nuneaton to be loving and safe.

We bless each child to be cared for and loved, and to be led to know God's love.

We bless every parent to have wisdom, patience, support and encouragement.

We bless young people to be equipped and inspired to reach their full potential.

We bless older people to be loved, valued and included.

We bless every street in this town to be free from violence, and the fear of violence.

We bless those in difficulty, danger, or need, to receive the help and provision they need.

We bless the town to be a place where there is reconciliation.

We bless the public services in Nuneaton to promote true human flourishing.

We bless every business and enterprise that is constructive and good, and we speak
creativity, success and full employment over them.

We bless the wealth of the town that it may have plenty to replace poverty; everyone having
enough to live and enough to give.

We bless the schools, colleges and all educational establishments in Nuneaton to be places of
wholesome relationships, learning and discovery.

We bless events and activities in Nuneaton which are inspired by God and undertaken to
promote the welfare, spirit and success of our town.

We bless Nuneaton's volunteers, who willingly and sacrificially give their time and energies to
help Nuneaton.

We bless those that attend events here, from near and far, that they may know the nearness
of God and peace within our town.

We bless you Nuneaton: be transformed through the love of God, the gospel of Jesus Christ
and in the presence of the Holy Spirit to fulfil your calling and destiny in God.

To His praise and glory. Amen!

Speak blessing with the assurance that Jesus loves our town.

Armour of God prayer

FATHER GOD,
I PUT ON AND STAND FIRM WITH THE
BELT OF TRUTH
BUCKLED AROUND MY WAIST
I AM SAFE AND SECURE WITH THE
**BREASTPLATE OF
RIGHTEOUSNESS**
GUARDING MY HEART FROM EVIL
HELPING ME LIVE A LIFE THAT HONORS YOU
I DILIGENTLY PUT ON THE
GOSPEL SHOES OF PEACE
WILLING TO GO WHEREVER YOU ASK OF ME
I TAKE AND STAND BEHIND THE
SHIELD OF FAITH
PROTECTED AGAINST SATAN'S FIERY DARTS
OF DOUBT, FEAR, LIES AND DECEIT
NOW ON MY HEAD I PLACE THE
HELMET OF SALVATION
KEEPING MY MIND FOCUSED ON YOU
I GRAB HOLD IN MY HANDS THE
SWORD OF THE SPIRIT
THE WORD OF GOD, SHARP AND TRUE

I am prepared to live today in spiritual victory in Jesus' name!
AMEN

Finally pray this prayer as you put on the whole armour of God so that you are equipped for the journey ahead and ready for all God is calling you to do.