

PUTTING ON THE ARMOR OF GOD THROUGH PRAYER

PRAYER OF VICTORY

Loving heavenly Father, I praise you that Satan is a defeated foe. I rejoice that his defeat was accomplished by the Lord Jesus Christ in His sinless life, His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension into glory. I look forward to that day when the Lord Jesus Christ rules, while Satan is bound in the bottomless pit. I know that Satan will ultimately be forever consigned to the lake of fire prepared for him and his angels. I rejoice that You have given to me, in my union with the Lord Jesus Christ, complete victory over Satan today.

I enter into my victory aggressively and claim my place as more than a conqueror through Him that loved me. I refuse to admit continuing defeat by Satan in any area of my life. He cannot and will not rule over me. I am dead with Christ to his rule. I affirm that the grace and mercy of God rule in all areas of my life through my union with the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to me the grace to affirm Your victory even when experiences of life seem to say otherwise.

I thank You for these battles and all that You are seeking to accomplish in Your wisdom and design for my life. I accept the battle and rejoice in Your purpose. I willingly accept and desire to profit from all of Your purpose in allowing battles. But I reject all of Satan's purpose. Through the victory of my Lord and Savior, I stand resolute and strong upon the certainty of my victory. In confidence I look to You, Lord Jesus Christ. When Your purpose for this trial is fulfilled, I know that it shall fade into the dimness of forgotten battles and a defeated enemy. Through the precious name of the Lord Jesus Christ, it shall be so. Amen.

CLAIMING OUR UNION

Loving heavenly Father, I praise Your name. I've come to see that it is Your will that I be invincibly strong in my spiritual warfare. I praise You, Lord, that You have placed me "in Christ." By faith I express my desire to abide in the protection and blessing of the mighty name of the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray the omnipotent power of His name over my family and the ministry to which You have called me. I pray the name of the Lord Jesus Christ against Satan and all that his kingdom would do to hinder God's plan for my life.

I focus my prayer on my union with Christ in His incarnation. I joyfully confess that Jesus Christ has come in human flesh to win my victory for me. I pray all of the triumphs the Lord Jesus achieved in His humanity against all of Satan's subtle wiles and crafty deceits. I pray the victories of the incarnation over all areas of my life and ministry.

I praise You for the cross and death of the Lord Jesus Christ, desiring all the benefits of His death to focus upon my life, my family, and my ministry. I affirm that my death with Christ can defeat the control and rule of sin, of death, and of Satan. I desire the shed blood of Christ to be against all that Satan is doing to hinder me.

I hunger to learn more deeply what it means to experience the power of His resurrection. Just as I desire to be dead to the reign of sin, so I long to live in accord with the fact that I am alive unto God through the power of the resurrection. In the mighty power that raised up the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, enable me to walk in the newness of life available to me.

Heavenly Father, it will always remain a marvel to me that You have seated me with Christ in the heavenly realm. Help me to memorize Your Word and to saturate my mind with its truth and power.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the ministry of the Holy Spirit, grant to me the wisdom to always apply the Word against the enemy. May I use the Word to defeat Satan and to advance the cause of Christ into that very realm Satan claims. Amen.

TAKING AN INVINCIBLE STANCE

Gracious heavenly Father, I choose to see myself as You see me in the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I choose to see myself as one invincibly strong and able to do all that is in Your will for me to do. I reject Satan's accusations that I am hopelessly weak and defeated. I accept my present great need as a call to renewed vision of the victory of my Lord. Help me to focus my attention upon the awesome majesty, power, and sovereign greatness of my heavenly Father, who can do anything but fail. Help me to see that in my union with Christ I am more than a conqueror. Let the burden of my trials become an expression of the burden of the Lord. Let that burden be expressed in tears of concern, times of fasting and prayer. I choose not to shrink back from the burden You wish me to carry.

I recognize, Lord, that my own sin and failure has helped to bring me to this severe trial. I am deeply sorry for my sins. [Mention them by name.] Cleanse me in my Savior's blood. I take back from Satan all ground I have given him by my sins and transgressions. On the authority of the cross I reclaim all of that ground for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Precious Lord Jesus Christ, You have promised never to leave me nor forsake me. I know that is true, and I boldly say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not fear." I resist the devil and his kingdom, steadfast in the faith. I command Satan

and his demons to leave me and to go where the Lord Jesus Christ sends them.

Heavenly Father, I accept and choose to enjoy everything inscribed upon the scroll of Your will for me. Thank You that I can do all things through Christ who is my strength. I will do Your will by accepting my responsibility to be strong. I will do through Your strength the things I know to be Your will. [Tell Him what they are.]

Thank You, loving heavenly Father, that through my Lord Jesus Christ You have heard my prayer – and You will make me to walk as one so strong in the Lord that even Satan's most powerful strategies are already defeated. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and for Your glory I pray. Amen.

CENTERED ON GOD

Loving heavenly Father, enable me to keep all things within the perspective of Your sovereignty. Grant to me the wisdom to know that the fierceness of the battle is not evidence of defeat. Help me to thank and praise You for Your purpose in each phase of the battle. I reject all of Satan's purpose for his attack upon me, but I accept all of Your sovereign plan and purpose. I thank You for what You are doing by allowing Satan's kingdom to war against me. Use the battle to refine, to deepen, to mature, to humble, and to build my faith.

Grant to me the insight and understanding to know my victory. I desire that the roots of my assurance of victory would go down deeply into the essential doctrines of Your Word. I want to see myself as being invincibly strong through my union with Christ, the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, the wholeness of Your provided armor, and the allness of prayer. Teach me how to appropriate my victory in a practical, daily practice. These things I ask in the name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PUTTING ON THE HELMET

Loving heavenly Father, I take by faith the helmet of salvation. I recognize that my salvation is the Person of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. I cover my mind with Him. I desire that He put His mind within me. Let my thoughts be His thoughts. I open my mind fully and only to the control of the Lord Jesus Christ. Replace my own selfish and sinful thoughts with His. I reject every projected thought of Satan and his demons and request instead the mind of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant to me the wisdom to discern thoughts that are from the world, my old sin nature, and Satan's kingdom.

I praise You, heavenly Father, that I may know the mind of Christ as I hide Your Word within my heart and mind. Open my heart to love Your Word. Grant to me the facility and capacity to memorize large portions of it. May Your Word be ever over my mind like a helmet of strength, which Satan's projected thoughts cannot penetrate. Forgive me for my neglect, my failure to aggressively take the salvation always available to me. Help me to fulfill the discipline of daily duty to appropriate Your salvation. These things I lay before You in the precious name of my Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PUTTING ON THE BELT

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I claim the protection of the belt of truth, having buckled it securely around my waist. I pray the protection of the belt of truth over my personal life, my home and family, and the ministry God has appointed for my life. I use the belt of truth directly against Satan and his kingdom of darkness. I aggressively embrace Him who is the truth, the Lord Jesus Christ, as my strength and protection from all of Satan's deceptions. I desire that the

truth of God's Word shall constantly gain a deeper place in my life. I pray that the truth of the Word of God may be my heart's delight to study and memorize.

Forgive me for my sins of not speaking the truth. Show me any way in which I am being deceived. By the Holy Spirit of truth, open the Scriptures to my understanding and guide me into the practical understanding of His words of truth. I ask the Holy Spirit to warn me before I deceive anyone and to ever protect me from believing Satan's lies. Thank You, Lord, for making my local church a pillar and foundation for Your truth in my life. Help me to relate to my church and give protection and help to others as well as receive it myself.

I see, Lord Jesus Christ, that my ability to be invincibly strong and able to do Your will despite Satan's subtle ways requires the stabilizing power of the belt of truth. Thank You for providing this part of the armor. I take it gratefully and desire to have an ever-deepening understanding of its protection through Your power. Amen.

CLAIMING THE BREASTPLATE

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I put on the breastplate of righteousness. In this moment, I repudiate any dependence I may have upon my own goodness. I embrace the righteousness that is mine by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. I look to the Holy Spirit to be effecting righteous actions, pure thoughts, and holy attitudes in my life. I hold up the righteous life of the Lord Jesus Christ to defeat Satan and his kingdom. I affirm that my victory is won and lived out by my Savior. I eagerly ask and expect that the Lord Jesus Christ shall live His righteousness through me. Through the precious blood of Christ, cleanse me of all my sins of omission and commission. Let me walk in a holy and clean manner that honors God and defeats the world, the flesh, and the devil. Through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

TAKING UP THE SWORD

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I lay hold of the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. I embrace its authoritative message of truth and power. I humbly ask the Holy Spirit to guide me into true understanding of the message of the Word. Grant to me power over the principalities and powers. Humbly I use the authority of my union with Christ to pull down all of Satan's plans formed against me personally, all of his plans formed against my family, and all of his plans formed against God's appointed plan for my life. Amen.

TAKING UP THE SHIELD

Loving heavenly Father, I take by faith the protection of the shield of faith. I count upon Your holy presence to surround me like a capsule, offering total protection from all of Satan's flaming arrows. Grant me the grace to accept Your refining purpose in allowing any of Satan's arrows to pass through the shield, and even to praise You for it. Help me to concentrate upon Your presence and not the enemy's arrows.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I claim the protection of the holy angels to guard and shield me from the assaults of Satan's kingdom. May these ministering angels be present to interfere with the strategy of Satan to harm my family and me. I appropriate the victory of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and hold it against the advances of the evil one. With gratitude and praise, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I rejoice in Your victory. Amen

A PRAYER FOR THE SPIRIT'S FILLING

Loving heavenly Father, I approach You now through the Person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. I desire to obey

Your will by being invincibly strong through Your Holy Spirit's enabling power. I praise You for Your goodness in providing the Holy Spirit for my benefit and strengthening. Thank You for that day when the Holy Spirit convicted me of my need of Your salvation. I praise You that He enabled me to open my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ and Your saving grace. I welcome the Holy Spirit's indwelling presence. It is with expectancy that I receive His peace, His comfort, and His illumination of my mind enabling me to understand Your Word. I greatly rejoice in the security of His sealing work. I delight that by His baptizing work the Spirit has put me into the Body of Christ and united me inseparably with Him. I praise Your name that the Holy Spirit has brought me to spiritual life.

As I pray, I am increasingly conscious of my need of the Spirit's intercession in me, through me, and for me. I pray that You will grant me the privilege of praying in the Spirit. May my thoughts and words be directed of Him. May He bring my petitions into Your presence with His perfect understanding of Your will.

I acknowledge Your plan and desire to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Forgive me for grieving the Holy Spirit by my sinning. Enable me to appropriate more perfectly the victory You have provided for me to walk above sin and failure. Grant to me always the awareness of my sins that I might quickly confess them to You. I do not want to quench the Holy Spirit by any reluctance to submit fully to Your will and plan for my life.

Help me to see moment by moment those things You are teaching me about Yourself and Your will for my life. It is my constant desire to walk in the Spirit. I ask You to fill me with His power that You might be glorified through the invincible strength You provide me to do Your will. All of this I ask in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ for Your glory. Amen.

APPROPRIATING PEACE

Loving heavenly Father, by faith and in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I put on the shoes of peace. I accept Your declaration that I am justified and that I have peace with You. May my mind grasp that wondrous truth with ever increasing awareness. I thank You, Lord, that I need not carry any anxiety or suffer from inner torment or turmoil. Thank You, Lord, that You have invited me to make all of my needs known to You through prayer. Teach me to wait in Your presence until the inner peace of God, which transcends human understanding, replaces my anxiety. I desire to know the strong presence of Your peace. May You walk with me and say to me, "Don't be afraid; I will help you."

With all of my heart I want to be obedient to Your will at all times. May the fullness of Christ who is my peace enable me to so walk in Him that the fullness of His peace may glorify God through me. I take the shoes of peace in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by faith I shall walk in them this day. Amen.