

THE ARMOR OF GOD

Ephesians 6:13–18 (ESV): *Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the **evil day**, and having done all (put the armor on), to **stand firm**. 14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. 16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; 17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, 18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,*

PRAYER: Heavenly father, in **obedience** to your Word, your warrior _____ prepares for battle. Today, I claim victory over Satan by putting on the whole spiritual armor of God. **I pray the full armor over** myself, my children, spouse, extended family, friends, church family, my pastor, and the entire body of Christ. **(2 Cor. 10:4, 5 "For the weapons (armor) of our warfare. . . have *divine supernatural power to destroy strongholds."*)**

BY FAITH...I stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth (the girdle of truth). I will stand firm in the truth of God's Word so I would not be deceived by Satan's lies. **PRAYER:** *Father God, it's so easy to stand firm on lies I believe about myself, God, others, and circumstances. Father show me when I am standing on lies, and give me spiritual discernment to know the difference. The Word of God is Truth (John 17:17). I choose to daily read, study, and meditate on Scripture. I realize that I cannot stand on or act on what I do not know or remember. I walk in a spirit of obedience as I read and obey the Word.*

BY FAITH...I put on the breastplate of righteousness! The breastplate will protect my heart from the works of the flesh so I can walk in the Spirit (Galatians 5:19-21). My position of righteousness is found in Christ because of the blood He shed on the cross, He has made me righteous. The breastplate will keep my heart clean, pure and holy. **PRAYER:** *Lord give me a **clean heart**, one that's free of resentment, fear, control and manipulation, hate, greed, frustration, sexual immorality, division, strife, discouragement, lies, worry, hopelessness, failure, anger, jealousy, negativity (constant negative thoughts), depression, covetousness, pride, bitterness, spirit of offense (easily offended), unforgiveness, etc. Father search my heart, reveal to me and remove anything that's not of You (i.e. sin and weaknesses that will open the door to the enemy). Holy Spirit fill every empty void in my life. Fill my heart with the fruit of the Spirit (the Character of Jesus Christ): love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility(gentleness) and self control.*

BY FAITH...In all circumstances, I take up the spiritual Shield of Faith, with which I can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one. His darts will cause me to disbelieve (doubt) God's Word, to declare God's Word untrue, and cause me to walk in deception. The evil one's purpose is to steal, kill and destroy but Jesus has come to give me life more abundantly. (John 10:10). I-choose-life! **PRAYER:** *So Father by faith, I take the spiritual shield of faith and apply it to every circumstance in my life. I walk in faith, not in doubt and fear! Father I trust you! The enemy wants to attack my faith and wants me to focus on the negative circumstances and on people. When I do this, I take my mind and eyes off of God. I begin to feel helpless and hopeless. Then the enemy attacks my mind with negative thoughts such as jealousy, failure, fear, and defeat. So, I put on the shield of faith to extinguish every fiery dart the enemy is shooting at me. I bind every spirit of doubt, denial and deception in Jesus Name.*

BY FAITH...I put on the spiritual Helmet of Salvation. The helmet protects my mind when I am being attacked. My mind is renewed daily by reading, believing and obeying the Word of God (Romans 12:3). I keep my focus on Christ. I am no longer following the opinions, beliefs, ideas of the world's culture. When I keep my mind on Christ, my thought patterns change, my behavior changes, and my relationships are renewed. **PRAYER:** *Father by faith, I put on the spiritual helmet of salvation to protect my mind from any and all attacks of the enemy. When I guard my mind, I guard my peace. My mind is where the battle takes place. I keep my mind focused on God by spending time with Him each day. I read and study my Bible, I pray, and I worship God. I acknowledge Him throughout the day with sentence prayers such as... "Lord I love you, Lord I thank You, You are with me, You are in total control, I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength, In all of these things I am more than a conqueror in Christ, God is going before me making my way plain, Thank you God for hearing my prayers, Holy Spirit help me, Holy Spirit you are responsible for taking care of me, My hope is in God... etc." Just because a thought comes to my mind does not mean I have to entertain it, act on it or believe it. I have self control and I can say 'no.' I choose to immediately cast down and reject **any and all** imaginations and negative thoughts that's does not line up with God's Word and all that my salvation has purchased for me. **My mind is under the protection of the blood of Jesus! I have the mind of Christ. I bind every spirit of fear and every mind binding spirit attacking my mind.** I walk in God's power, I walk in His Love and I have a sound mind as I walk in self control! Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank You Jesus!*

BY FAITH...I take the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God, in my hand. Holy Spirit, is the author and teacher of the Bible. Holy Spirit teach me how to use the Sword (Word) properly. The Sword is both a defensive and offensive weapon in the spiritual armor. Hebrews 4:12 says that God's Word is alive and active, sharper than any two edge sword. PRAYER: *Father I thank you that Your Word is like a sword that has two edges - one edge is the Word itself and the second edge is when I speak the Word in faith and*

*stand firm on it. I will use the Sword of the Spirit by finding a scripture that speaks to my circumstances and stand in agreement. I will continually speak that Word in faith over myself, a person, and over my situation until I see a breakthrough. E.g. In **Matthew 4:1-11**, When Jesus was tempted by Satan, He spoke the Word saying, "it is written...and quoted a scripture in faith. "*

*Father, by faith your warrior _____ (your name) has put on the whole armor of God that I may be able to withstand in the **evil day**, and having done all (put the armor on), to continue to **stand firm** in Jesus' name. Amen. Thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus, thank you Jesus!*