

Corporate Prayer: Ephesians 6:10-17
(Armor of God)

Pastor: ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth,

Congregation: *Heavenly Father, guide me in living a lifestyle of honesty and integrity. Show me the truths I need today, and show me lies I have not yet discovered.*

Pastor: and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Congregation: *I wear your righteousness today, Jesus, protecting me from condemnation and corruption. Defend my heart against attacks.*

Pastor: ¹⁵ and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Congregation: *Lord, I choose to live for the gospel each and every moment. Open my eyes to the opportunities that you have placed in my path, and help me distinguish between what is the real spiritual drama...and what are merely the soap operas of this life.*

Pastor: ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Congregation: *My Rock and My Refuge, protect me from all of the lies and attacks of the Evil One, confident in Your goodness and the faithfulness of Your promises. Help me to keep it in my heart that nothing can overcome me today because the Lord fights alongside me. If You are for me, then who can come against me?*

Pastor: ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation

Congregation: *Thank you, Jesus, for my salvation! Help me remember and appreciate Your priceless gift with fresh understanding. Secure within me the knowledge that my salvation can never be taken out of Your hand, and that nothing can separate me from Your love. Let it animate all that I do, that I would do everything in Your name and for Your glory.*

Pastor: and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Congregation: *Holy Spirit, bring to mind those truths from Your Word that I need to counter Satan's attacks, and to turn the tables on behalf of the kingdom of God. Help me to treasure God's Word stored up in my heart throughout the day, and bring my preparation to bear at the right time and right place with the right person, so that Your Word might strike a life-giving blow to the hearts of men and women.*