



# **A PRAYER OF SURRENDER**

## **DRESS FOR BATTLE! – Ephesians 6:10-20**

Good morning Lord. Thank You for assuring me of victory today if I will but follow Your battle plan. So by faith I claim victory over \_\_\_\_\_ (I normally list some things that I know I will be faced with that day).

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the belt of truth. The Truth about You Lord – that You are a sovereign God who knows everything about me, both my strengths and my weaknesses. Lord, You know my breaking point and have promised not to allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able to bear. The truth about me Lord is that I am a new creature in Christ and have been set free from the power of sin. I am indwelt with the Holy Spirit who will guide me and warn me when danger is near. I am Your child, and nothing can separate me from Your love. The truth is that You have a purpose for me this day – someone to encourage, someone to share with, and someone to love

Next, Lord, I want to by faith put on the breastplate of righteousness. I know that it is impossible for me to be righteous apart from the saving work of Jesus Christ. So, I confess my sins to you. Forgive me of my sins – cleanse me from my unrighteousness-and rather than seeing me today - see me through the blood of Jesus, which alone makes me righteous. Forgive my sin, and keep me from sin today!

Lord, this morning by faith, I put on the sandals of the gospel of peace. Help me to go where You send me today, and be ready to tell others about You when you give me an opportunity. I am available to You Lord. Send me where You will. Guide me to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use me to solve conflicts wherever they may arise. Make me a calming presence in every

circumstance in which You place me. I will not be hurried, for my schedule is in Your hands. I will not leave a trail of tension and apprehension. I will leave tracks of peace and stability everywhere I go.

I now by faith take up the shield of faith, Lord. My faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You, I can do nothing. With you, I can do all things. No temptation that comes my way can penetrate Your protecting hand. I will not be afraid, for You are going with me throughout this day. When I am tempted, I will claim my victory out loud ahead of time, for You have promised victory to those who walk in obedience to Your Word. So by faith I claim victory even now because I know there are fiery darts headed my way even as I pray. Lord, You already know what they are and have already provided the way of escape.

Lord, by faith I am putting on the helmet of salvation. You know how Satan bombards my mind day and night with evil thoughts, doubts, and fears. I put on this helmet that will protect my mind. I may feel the impact of his attacks, but nothing can penetrate this helmet. I choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of my mind. And with the helmet of salvation those thoughts will get no further. I elect to take every thought captive; I will dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to You.

Last, by faith I take up the sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan's onslaughts. Your Word says that I am not under obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that I am free from the power of sin. Your Word says that He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith, I take up the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit, which is able to defend me in time of attack, comfort me in time of sorrow, teach me in time of meditation, and prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of those who need the truth to set them free.

So, Lord, I go now rejoicing that You have chosen me to represent You to the lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in me, and may Satan and his hosts Shudder as Your power is made manifest in me. In Jesus' name I pray – AMEN.