

Spiritual Warfare

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Prayer Pointers ~ Scripturally based topical prayers

Section markers are for those who wish to pray these petitions daily, over a week's time, to allow their truths to permeate their prayers.

The Bible indicates that we are in battles against the world, the flesh and the devil. And while anything which wars against the Spirit is spiritual warfare, we will be focusing on verses which help us to pray in situations where the petitioners feel (or we sense) that the devil is hard at work in the issues facing those for whom we pray. While we are not to be ignorant of the devil's schemes, we should also not be fearful of them nor overly focused on them. Very often focusing on the truth about who God is, and who we are in Christ, will do as much to win the battle as anything else we can pray.

Help us to realize we are more than conquerors through You who loves us. Rom. 8:37

Keep all our speech truthful, so we don't enter the kingdom of the father of lies. May our weapons be righteous in both hands. 2 Cor. 6:7

May the god of this world in no way blind us to the light of Your truth or the glory of Christ. 2 Cor. 4:4

May we be aware of Satan's schemes and tricks so we will not be deceived or outwitted. Help us to see the role forgiveness plays in this. 2 Cor. 2:11

Help us to remember, no matter what the battle we face, if God is for us, who can be against us. Rom. 8:31

May we remember that we are to count ourselves dead to sin and its power, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Rom. 6:11

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May we always set the Lord before our eyes, because with Him at our right hand, we will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8

May we cast our cares on the Lord, knowing He will sustain us. He has promised to never allow the righteous to fall. Psalm 55:22

Do not let us be deceived by the enemy's fierce roar for Your word says he is filled with fury because he knows that his time is short. Rev. 12:12

Grow us in the fruit of self-control, and help us to be alert for these will help us to stay safe from the devil who is prowling around looking to devour those who are not aware and who are not self-controlled. 1 Pet. 5:8

Help us to resist the devil, standing firm in the faith, knowing that all around the world believers are fighting the same battle. 1 Pet. 5:9

When the enemy has raised our fear, help us to remember that Jesus has been seated at the Father's right hand, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present

age, but in the age to come. And God has put all things under His feet and appointed Jesus to be the head over everything for the church. Eph. 1:21-22

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May we remember our position in Jesus—that God has raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. Eph. 2:6

Help us to see how unresolved anger gives the devil a foothold in our lives. May we deal with anger appropriately and quickly so he will not gain an advantage with us. Eph. 4:27

When we "bite and devour one another" we delight the enemy who is a divider and accuser. May we, instead, glorify You by seeking unity and love. Gal. 5:14-15

Though we may not understand all the mysteries of the spiritual battles raging against us, nor do we personally possess the power of the enemy, may we not fear for greater is He that in us than he who is in the world. With that knowledge we can pray, "The Lord rebuke you! Jude 9

Though Satan may be the one who pokes us with the thorn in the flesh, You are its author for our good, to make us dependent and humble. 2 Cor. 12:6-9

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We are no longer slaves to the fear of death because Jesus tasted death to conquer it. He destroyed the one who holds the power of death—the devil—so we no longer fear. Heb. 2:4-15

When the enemy whispers his lies that we will never change, and always be defeated, help us to counter him with the truth that since we are in Christ we are new creations, the old things have passed away and everything has been made new. 2 Cor. 5:17

Since God has exalted Jesus to the highest place and has given Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, we who are in Christ need not fear for He is with us. Phil. 2:9-11

Help us to discern whether spirits are of You or not, not believing those who do not acknowledge the Lordship, authority, and Sonship of Jesus. 1 John 4:1-3

Our Jesus is so powerful that He disarmed the powers and authorities and He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore we need not fear them. Col. 2:15

God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid." Heb. 13:5-6a

May we not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom we were sealed for the day of redemption. Thereby we may have His full presence and power to face the enemy, and to live lives pleasing to the Lord. Eph. 4:31 We are so grateful for the truth that the Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding for us and, knowing what the Father's perfect will is, He

intercedes fully according to the will of God. What better help can we have when we are weak? Rom. 8:26-27

Help us not to be anxious about anything, rather bringing it all to the Father by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving. And as we remember to whom we pray—His power, His love, His sovereignty, His goodness, may this bring us the peace of God to keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:6-7

When God does allow some of the fiery darts to hit their mark, may we remember that these trials strengthen our faith, refining it to pure gold, giving us perseverance and an inheritance which cannot fade away. Jas. 1:2-4; 1 Pet. 1:6-7

When we are faced with an enemy which seems insurmountable, may we remember that we are surrounded by heavenly protection and "those who are with us are more than those who are with them." 2 Kings 6:16

When the battle rages on longer than we expect and we feel there is no answer to our prayers for deliverance, help us to take courage from the account of Daniel, where the angel told him the answer to his prayer was sent right away, but there was a battle going on in the spiritual world he could not see. May we persevere in prayer. Daniel 10

*From Zechariah 3*

When we hear condemnation which pushes us from God rather than conviction which draws us to Him, help us to realize the origin of accusations is Satan.

May we see that the Lord, Himself, rebukes Satan for condemning us because He is our Redeemer.

Help us to see our unrighteousness and the filthy rags of our self-righteousness have been replaced by the white garments God has provided. He says, "See, I have taken away your sin."

*From Eph 6*

May we be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. We do not fight in our own strength.

Help us to see the necessity of putting on the whole armor of God so we can take our stand against the devil's schemes and when the day of evil comes, to stand. Again, we do not stand in our own strength.

When we struggle, help us to see our struggle is not against flesh and blood (people aren't our real enemy) but against rulers, authorities, powers of this dark world and spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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Help us to stand firm in truth. May we use Your truth to combat the deception of the enemy and to gain courage and faith in You.

May the knowledge of the righteousness and peace that comes from You keep us from being defeated from the accusations of the enemy.

May we extinguish the fiery darts of the enemy with our faith which shields us.

May we deepen in our understanding of Your salvation so our minds are protected and our faith secure.

May we wield the word of God as a sword to defeat the enemy and protect our hearts.

May we pray continually, led by the Spirit, being alert and praying for fellow believers.