

## **THE ARMOR OF GOD**

### **A PRAYER FOR STARTING THE DAY**

I know there is a spiritual battle going on in my life. I realize Satan would like to deceive and destroy me. I also know that he cannot destroy me because I am a child of God, having accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. But I know that Satan will keep trying to deceive me into thinking he can destroy me with his lies. If he can trick me, I will become discouraged. So I want to cover myself with the armor that you have given me Father to protect me from Satan's schemes.

The **BELT OF TRUTH** is on my waist. I know the truth from reading your Word. Help me to judge all things by the truth of your Word. Help me to identify any lies I am believing and to surrender them to you. I want to replace them with your truth. I choose to renew my mind by taking every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

The **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** covers my chest. Jesus, I know I am right (I have positional righteousness) with my Father because you have suffered and died to pay the price for my sins. I know there is nothing I could ever do to earn that righteousness on my own. Help me to never forget that and to be forever grateful for your sacrifice for me. So now I choose to obey you and to behave righteously (behavioral righteousness).

The **SANDALS OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE**, are on my feet. Peace comes from knowing Jesus Christ, crucified and risen. I thank you that I know Jesus died for my sins. And that He rose again from the grave proving He is God. I thank you for giving me a peace that passes all understanding. It doesn't always make logical sense why I can be at peace in the midst of my circumstances, but you do make it possible. Thank you Lord. I choose not to turn to anything or anyone else for peace. I want to find rest in you alone. Make me an instrument of peace in the lives of others.

The **SHIELD OF FAITH** is in my left hand. God, thank you for giving me the gift of faith. I know that without it I would be a lost soul. I want you to increase my faith even though I realize it takes trials and tribulations for that to happen. I choose to place my faith in you and to trust you always. I willingly submit to trials for the purpose of gaining a deeper faith in you, Lord.

The **HELMET OF SALVATION** covers my head. Jesus, thank you for earning salvation for me. Thank you that I have been rescued from eternal damnation and God's wrath. Keep my mind clear and help me to recognize Satan's lies. I will renew my mind by reading, studying, applying, and obeying your word today. Transform me into what you want me to be as I renew my mind with your word.

The **SWORD OF THE SPIRIT (YOUR WORD)** is in my right hand. God, thank you for your Word. It is such a comfort in times of trouble. It is truth. I ask you to give me a desire to read it every day. I ask you to use it to help me recognize Satan's lies.