

Spiritual Warfare Prayers

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Jesus' followers are in a spiritual battle. Because we seek to live for God, we are the targets of enemy attacks. Satan, God's enemy and ours, will do all he can to leave us discouraged, doubting, and defeated. These prayers will help you keep your eyes on Jesus, stand firm in the faith, and experience victory in life and ministry.

***O Lord, thank You
that absolutely
nothing—not
even the spiritual
forces of evil—
can separate me
from Your love.***

(Romans 8:38,39; Luke 4:1-13)

Thank You, Lord Jesus, for rescuing me from my sins and the devil's stronghold by going to the cross for me.

(Colossians 2:13-15; 2 Corinthians 2:14)

Even though I know that the devil—like a roaring lion—wants to devour me, help me to steadfastly trust in You, win today's spiritual battles, and bring glory and honor to Your name.

(1 Peter 5:8; Ephesians 6:12; Luke 10:18)

Gracious Lord, forgive me for the ways I have given the enemy an opportunity. By Your name, help me to take back any lost territory he's encroached upon.

(Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Psalm 139:23,24; 1 John 1:9)

Sovereign God, keep me from the enemy: the evil one, the tempter, the accuser. Protect me from his fallen-angel followers—idols, demons, evil spirits.

(Revelation 12:7-9; Matthew 6:13; 1 Thessalonians 3:5; Revelation 12:10, Leviticus 17:7; Luke 8:30; Luke 7:21)

Help me to submit anew today to Your authority, control, and will. Lead me to say "no" to the devil and his temptations and "yes" to You and abundant life. By Your power help me resist him and see him run away.

(John 10:10; James 4:7)

Lord Jesus, keep me in Your presence and away from evil.

(John 17:15; Ephesians 1:18-23; John 12:26)

Mighty Lord, thank You for spiritual armor for the spiritual battle—the belt of truth; breastplate of righteousness; helmet of salvation; feet fitted with the readiness of the Gospel of peace; shield of faith; and the sword of the

Spirit, the Word of God. I need each piece. Help me remain strong in Your mighty power and stand against the enemy's wicked schemes.

(Ephesians 6:10-18)

Thank You for such spiritual weapons as faith, truth, and righteousness that demolish strongholds. Help me to keep my mind fixed on what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent, and praiseworthy.

(2 Corinthians 10:3-6; Philippians 4:8)

Holy Spirit, I know my own actions can open the door to the enemy. Lead me to be humble, not prideful; forgiving, not holding grudges; content, not striving for what doesn't satisfy.

(2 Corinthians 2:10,11; Galatians 5:22,23; Ephesians 4:27)

Satan attempts to incite me to sin or prompt me to do evil. I'm desperately dependent on You to thwart the enemy's deceitful attacks.

(1 Chronicles 21:1; John 13:2; Acts 5:3)

When Satan goes after the core of who I am—telling me I'm a worthless sinner, a lost cause, an embarrassment to You—remind me of whose I am and who You say I am . . . a saint, a new creation, Your beloved child.

(Ephesians 1:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17; John 3:16)

Father God, keep me alert to the evil one with spiritual eyes wide open as You use me to make a difference for eternity by helping other people come to know, grow in, and live for You.

(1 Thessalonians 5:6; Proverbs 4:23, 1 Corinthians 10:12; Matthew 28:19,20)

I pray as well for each member of my family and my pastor(s), church staff, and fellow believers. May they suit up in Your armor and experience victory by Your power.

(Colossians 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 5:25; Hebrews 13:18; 1 Peter 5:8-10)

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