

Prayer In The Battle

As we pray more, we begin to see darkness is at work in many places, structures, cultural attitudes, hearts and relationships. We need to be alert to the battle all around where Satan is trying to lie, steal, kill, destroy, blind spiritual eyes or divide believers. Where ever we see spiritual confusion, promotion of sin, lies, self-destruction, addictions, pride, abuse, violence, resistance to Jesus, distortion of Scripture or broken relationships, we need to ask the Jesus “what is really going on here?” Instead despairing or being fearful, we need to pray in the confidence that Jesus has already defeated Satan at the cross and teaches us to pray “deliver us from the evil one” (Matthew 6:13) because He has power to deliver. We can take up “the sword of the Spirit that is the Word of God” (Ephesians 6:17) using scripture and praise as powerful weapons in our prayer. Here are some helpful ways to pray:

Worship Jesus and praise Him that He is lifted up, higher than any people, leadership structures, religion, sin or spiritual powers. (Worship drives out the enemy and welcomes the presence of God to fight.)

Ephesians 1: ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church.... (NRSV)

Pray that the light of Christ will destroy the darkness.

John 1: ⁴ In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (NIV)

Praise Jesus that His Cross and resurrection has bought forgiveness and freedom for the people and the place you are praying for. Praise Him that He is mighty to save them.

Revelation 5: ⁹ You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. (NIV)

Hebrews 7: ²⁵ Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them (NIV)

Pray the blood of Jesus for God’s cleansing, saving, healing, protection and ownership over leadership structures, ministries, churches, hearts and minds.

Colossians 1: ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. (NRSV)

Isaiah 53: ⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions.

*He was crushed for our iniquities. . .
and by his wounds we are healed. (WEB)*

Pray against the enemy wherever he is at work to lie, blind spiritual eyes, steal, kill, and destroy. Bind Satan in the name of Jesus.

John 10: ¹⁰ ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly. (NRSV)

1 John 3: 8 . . . The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. (ESV)

Welcome Jesus to rule as Lord and King over people, structures, attitudes and places; pray for His Kingdom to come.

Matthew 6: 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. (ESV)

Pray for the Holy Spirit to come, bringing the presence of the Lord in that place or situation.

2 Corinthians 3: 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (ESV)

Psalms 31: 20 In the shelter of your presence you hide them . . . (NRSV)

Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is “really there” and listen to how He leads you to pray.

Ephesians 6: 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)

Pray that the Lord will bring into the light anything that is hidden and expose sin, lies and spiritual darkness.

Hebrews 4: 13 Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable. (NLT)

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bring repentance, humility and purity before God.

John 1: 9 If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. (NRSV)

Pray for “spiritual waking up to the battle” - those concerned will be repulsed and dissatisfied by darkness or anything distorting or blocking the light of Christ and will submit to God.

James 4: 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. (NRSV)

Pray for believers to be covered with the armor of God and take up the Sword of the Spirit.

Ephesians 6: 14 Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, 15 and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. 16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. (NIV)

Pray for Angels to fight in the battle and to strengthen believers.

Psalms 91: 11 For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (NRSV)

Pray for the oppressors and those the enemy is using, that Jesus will meet them personally.

Acts 9: 5 “Who are you, Lord?” Saul asked. “I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,” he replied. (NIV)

Matthew 5: 44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you . . . (NRSV)

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