

# Putting on the Armor of God

In getting dressed for the day I put the Belt of Truth around my waist. This is wearing the truth of God's Word and standing in my God's truths and promises for how I live my life, especially when nobody is looking.

Then, I put on the Breastplate of Righteousness over my heart. This is wearing the righteousness of Jesus, being washed clean of all sin and covered by His redeeming blood. Through Jesus righteousness I am doing Your good works as I follow the moral guide and code of ethics You have given us in the Holy Bible; what is respectful behavior and what is not.

Now, I cover my feet with the Preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Jesus is the Light of the World and I am His ambassador. I carry His message into the day, extending His gift of mercy and grace to others that is freely given and offered to all mankind.

Next, I take up the Shield of Faith. This is how I put out all the fiery darts my enemy shoots at me. Satan is completely defeated by the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is through my faith that I grab hold of this victory. It is by faith I am able to walk with a quiet confidence and calm assurance that my God is in control. I am now able to overcome or avoid the traps the enemy has set to trip me up as I walk the path my heavenly Father has made just for me.

Now, I put on the Helmet of Salvation, which is the mind of Christ. This gives me access to my God's wisdom and knowledge with understanding for my life. The helmet covers and protects my mind from the lies and deceptions my enemies try to get me to accept as true. This allows me to recognize the influence the world, my own flesh and Satan try to have on me that does not reflect or honor my God.

Last of all, I take up the Sword of the Spirit which is the written Word of God. It is by renewing my mind with the Word of God and applying it to my daily life I am able to overcome all of my temptations and send Satan packing.

Thank You LORD for helping me to put on Your armor and preparing me for the battles I will face. (Ephesians 6:14-18)

Today, I ask that You help me keep You as close to me as the clothes I wear. Help me to grow in my understanding of how to reflect You and to honor You with my thoughts, words and deeds; with every choice that I make as I go through the day.

Help me to remember whose I am and who I am as a chosen son/daughter of God. Help me to remember I am Yours and You are mine and that I carry Your kingdom in me and with me everywhere I go. Thank You Father God, Lord Jesus and Holy Spirit for being with me as I enjoy my journey with You. Help me to be Your blessing with every person and in every circumstance this day, recognizing You are sovereign over all people, places and things.

Thank You for loving me completely just as I am and yet, not being content to let me remain as I am.

Please change my heart so that I am willing to do all of life Your way and not my way. Thank You for the mercy and grace You give as I learn how to walk closer with You and be an obedient son/daughter that honors their Father. Amen

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*When we have put on the armor of God we are wearing God's truths for our life on the inside and on the outside. The choices we make: How we live, behave and handle our circumstances in life are all now based on the truths we know that God has given us.*

*We are now relying on our God to guide us, sustain us and protect us as we walk humbly with Him. We walk by faith, not by sight and trust our God to work out ALL things for our good.*

*Remember to enjoy the journey today. No matter what your circumstances are today, God has plans to prosper you and not to bring you harm giving you hope for a future that you cannot yet see. God believes in you!*

*You are God's treasure and His blessing in the world today.*

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