

Why Put On the Full Armor of God?



Day 1. Why Put on the Full Armor of God

To put on the full armor of God daily is to acknowledge that we are in a war. Moreover, it is to acknowledge that one's only protection in this war is from God. We are like Gershom, the son of Moses: we are strangers in a strange land. Putting on the full armor of God helps us to not get too comfortable here. This world is not our home.

Prayer for Today

Father, please help me put on the full armor of God.

Please help me gird up my loins with the truth. This world is in the grips of the evil one, who is the father of lies. Lord, help me discern truth from the lies.

Father, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Sin makes me vulnerable to the attacks of the enemy, so please forgive me of all my sins. Bring to my remembrance anything I have done that grieves you. Help me to know what I've done so I can admit it and quit it.

Help me to cover my feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace. As a soldier in your army, I need to be ready at all times to do your bidding: go out into all the world and preach the gospel to all creatures. Help me to be ready in season and out of season to spread the good news: that man can through the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus be reconciled to God.

Father, please help me to take up the shield of faith to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. A soldier in your army needs to know that he is only a small piece of a very large movement. The soldier sees only a small picture. The commander sees the big

picture. Father, I have faith in you to direct my every move. I know that your commands are all for the good. Please help me to listen to those commands and trust in you enough to carry them out.

Father please help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Without your salvation I am at the mercy of the enemy. Your salvation marks me as a member of your troops.

Help me to take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Just as Jesus in the desert used the word of God as a weapon against the devil, so help me use your word to fend off the attacks and temptations of the enemy. Help me to study your word daily. Fill me with your Holy Spirit to bring to remembrance your words when they are needed most. Send your Spirit to help me to understand your word.