

ARMOR OF GOD DAILY READINGS

Daily Reading: The Sword and Prayer

Today I am choosing to wield the sword of the Spirit and to pray at all times in the power of the Holy Spirit. Every piece of God's armor I have put on protects me and helps me stand firm. But now I take hold of the one weapon meant to push the enemy back: the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. This is no ordinary weapon. God's Word is alive and powerful, sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword. It cuts through lies, exposes deception and sends the enemy running.

Today I am choosing to wield the sword of the Spirit and to pray at all times in the power of the Holy Spirit. When Jesus faced the enemy in the wilderness, He did not argue or negotiate. He answered every temptation with three powerful words: "It is written." Then He spoke the truth of Scripture, and the enemy had no reply. I will fight the same way Jesus fought. I will hide God's Word in my heart so it is ready when I need it most. I will not just read it; I will speak it, declare it and stand on it. A sword left in its sheath wins no battles, so I will draw the Word of God and use it boldly against every attack.

Today I am choosing to wield the sword of the Spirit and to pray at all times in the power of the Holy Spirit. The armor is complete, but God does not stop there. He calls me to pray, and prayer is how every other piece is put into action. I will pray at all times and on every occasion, lifting my needs, my fears and my hopes to my loving Heavenly Father. There is no battle too big and no detail too small to bring to Him in prayer. Prayer is not my last resort; it is my first response. Through prayer I stay connected to the One whose power has already won the war.

Today I am choosing to wield the sword of the Spirit and to pray at all times in the power of the Holy Spirit. I will stay alert and persistent, refusing to grow weary or drift to sleep in this fight. And I will not pray only for myself. I will pray for all believers everywhere, standing in the gap for my brothers and sisters in Jesus. The same God who hears me hears them, and our prayers move heaven. With the Word of God in my hand and prayer on my lips, I am fully equipped to stand firm and finish strong. Today I am choosing to wield the sword of the Spirit and to pray at all times in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Daily Study: The Sword and Prayer

Day 1: The Sword of the Spirit and Praying Always - Ephesians 6:17-18
(Page 898); Psalm 119:11 (Page 468)

Day 2: God's Word Is Alive and Powerful - Hebrews 4:12 (Page 922);
Jeremiah 23:29 (Page 593)

Day 3: Jesus Fought with Scripture - Matthew 4:1-11 (Page 735)

Day 4: Speak and Hide His Word - Psalm 119:105 (Page 470);
Colossians 3:16 (Page 904)

Day 5: Pray About Everything - Philippians 4:6-7 (Page 901);
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (Page 907)

Day 6: Stay Alert and Persistent - Luke 18:1-8 (Page 800);
Colossians 4:2 (Page 904)

Day 7: Intercede for Others - 1 Timothy 2:1-4 (Page 910); James 5:16
(Page 932). Read the Daily Reading once again and highlight things
that stand out. Answer the three Life Transformation questions for
growth in this area. Take time to learn the memory verse.

Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:17-18 "Take the sword of the Spirit,
which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every
occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers
everywhere." Ephesians 6:17-18

Life Transformation Questions:

1. As you read the *Daily Reading*, what stood out and why?
2. What action will you take to apply this truth? Be specific.
3. What areas of your life will benefit from this action? How and why?