

40 Days Of Prayer: Pray Like This
Prayer As Spiritual Warfare — Part 1
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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy... John 10:10a NIV

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 1:8 NIV

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12 NIV

The Bad News = You have an Enemy who is your _____.

The Good News = You can have a Savior who is your _____.

Key Verse of the Day

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. Matthew 6:13 NIV

Key Thought of the Day

According to Jesus part of our prayer life ought to be about _____ temptation, and being prepared for the _____ of Satan.

When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. James 1:13-14 NIV

"Do not allow us to be so led into temptation that it overwhelms us, but rescue us from the evil one." — John Stott— The Message of the Sermon on the Mount

Grab This!

The main idea of this part of the prayer is not one of temptation, but of _____.

But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. 1 John 4:4 NLT

And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulfur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever. Revelation 20:10 NIV

The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 1 John 3:8 NIV

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. John 10:10 NIV

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:13-18 NLT

The Battle Plan of Pray Like This...

1. Put on _____ Armor.
...put on the full armor of God...

Don't Miss This!

The Armor of God is composed of the _____ found within the gospel.

The Battle Plan of Pray Like This...

2. We are to _____.
...stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then...

Grab This!

"Stand your ground" indicates that when we are equipped with God's Armor we can _____ the battles of Spiritual conflict.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 2 Timothy 2:3 ESV

Stand Firm By...

- Staying _____ for attacks from the Enemy.
Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9 NIV

Stand Firm By...

- Studying and applying _____.
So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. 2 Thessalonians 2:15 NIV

Stand Firm By...

- Embracing the work of the _____ in your life.
Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 NIV

Stand Firm By...

- Valuing Christian _____.
Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel... Philippians 1:27 NIV

Stand Firm By...

- Knowing God is our _____ in times of trouble.
God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1 NIV

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. 1 Corinthians 10:13

Stand Firm By...

- Anticipating Jesus' _____.
You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. James 5:8 NIV

The Challenge

Where can you grow in your spiritual formation so that you stand firm?