

7 Prayers

1. **The belt of truth**, I pray that we would develop a passion to boldly face truth. In our own lives first, before we engage those around us. I pray for the courage to be humble in the light of truth. Realizing the truth of where we are on the journey of life. I pray we would be open to the truth and be honest in confessing our own erosion of heart. *2 Cor 10:5, John 8:31-36,*

2. **Breastplate of righteousness**, I pray for the realization in our hearts that righteousness comes from only the cross. I pray we would understand the words of the old song by Robert Lowery, *nothing but the blood of Jesus. Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.* Lord, open our eyes to know, we are blood bought and paid for, once and for all. *2 Cor 5:21, Mark 8:35, Gla 2:15-21, Heb 10:15-18, Acts 20:27-28*

3. **Shoes of readiness**, I pray we understand we are not fighting against flesh and blood but ticking time bombs or the festering wounds of unrepentant sin. Let our shoes of readiness be a realization that people sin. And sinners are not the enemy, they're the battlefield. *Rom 3:23, 1 John 19-21, Gen 8:2, Eccl 7:20, 1 John 1:8*

4. **The shield of faith**, Lord I pray you guard our hearts from our own default towards religious works. I pray for a constant understanding that we have been saved through faith. And this is not our own doing. It is a gift not a gold star for being good. While we were yet sinners you first loved us. Help us realize in our hearts you first gave to us we can now give. That obedience flows out from the inside our hearts and is not stuffed in our brain from the outside. *Eph. 2:8, Rom 3:23, James 2:20*

5. **The helmet of salvation**, Lord I pray our wisdom is in your will and not our own well meaning selfish motives. That we would internalize that instruction is a way to create intelligence for the heart. Keep our heads from the injury of our own first love leaving intellectual falls. *Eph 1:17, Rev 2:2-5, Eccl 2:26, John 3:6*

6. **The sword of the spirit**, which is the word of God! Lord I pray through your grace you help us build on our appetite for your word, that our constant hunger for food and our own surface cravings would be surpassed by a craving of a deep understanding of your word. I pray we would not lose our passion for picking up your sword of truth and letting it cut deeply in to our own minds and hearts, exposing the meat of our motives all the way to our bone and marrow. *Heb 4:12, Heb 1:22, Heb 13:7, Gal 4:6, Heb 13:5-6,*

7. **Prayer for prayer!** I pray you let us see when we don't know we are stumbling around in the darkness. Light up our minds and guard our hearts give us eyes to see and ears to hear. I pray for maturity, not just praying for stuff or getting us through some hard circumstances but more of your will be done. Let us see the grace you have all ready richly lavished us with. As we pray on our knees heart full of worship towards you, as we enjoy and delight in your creation and see when created things start to own our hearts. *Luke 11:1, Eph 3:14-16, Rom 10:13, Phil 4:6-7*