Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...

— Ephesians 6:10-18 (ESV)

THE PRAYER

Lord, the nations of our world are still being overwhelmed by COVID-19. Their economies are reeling, and their unity is increasingly fractured by growing tensions. In many countries, despondency has filled the land. Despair is slowly strangling the hopes and dreams of countless precious souls. We live in what Scripture refers to as the “Evil Day” — a day when it is impossible to persevere without Your supernatural help.

Heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today, and we ask for divine strength to stand and pray faithfully. We implore You to destroy the cloud of fear and despair covering the peoples of our world.

Lord, we are not defenseless in this dark hour. For You have given us a full set of spiritual armor—the armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18). We buckle the belt of truth around our waists so we will not stumble and fall in the day of battle. Our reality is not determined by the siren of hopelessness and despair. Our reality is determined by Your Word! Therefore, we boldly proclaim the name of Jesus is greater than the name of COVID-19. We also stand on Your promise that when we humble ourselves, turn from our wicked ways, and pray, You will heal our lands. (2 Chronicles 7:14) We refuse to live by what we see. Instead, we choose to live by what You say.

Heavenly Father, we boldly come before Your throne in the name of Your Son, Jesus, armed with the truth of what You say. We ask You to eradicate COVID-19 and heal our cities and nations.

We also freshly put on the breastplate of righteousness today. Through Your redemptive work, Lord Jesus, we have been declared righteous. Nothing can separate us from Your love. We also desire Your continued work of sanctification, for we want to become more like You.

Heavenly Father, we have been given the righteousness we need through justification by faith to come before Your throne and pray this prayer boldly. Pour out Your Holy Spirit on the nations of the world in such a way that Your Church is revived and millions are saved. In Jesus’ name.