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...

— Ephesians 6:13-16

The Prayer

Our world has been rocked by plague, pestilence, scarcity, divisions, and disasters. We are living in what Scripture calls “The Evil Day.” Fortunately, we have not been left unprotected and unarmed. We put on the armor of the Gospel today. Like divine cleats, the Gospel gives us the stability we need to stand firm in an hour when everything is shaking.

Heavenly Father, we come boldly before Your throne today, crying out before You with one voice representing 180 nations. In the name of Jesus, send a fresh outpouring of Your Holy Spirit to revive Your church and result in the conversion of millions of new believers. As we proclaim the Gospel’s message to a desperate world, help us to take our stand on its promises and its power.

We take up the shield of faith as we see depression, despair, and defeat piercing the hearts of many. The power of these fiery darts is extinguished through faith in Your promises. The shield of faith is a powerful weapon. So today, we bring the battle to COVID-19. We slam our faith into its grim threat. We declare this coronavirus has been mitigated and will be eradicated.

Lord, in the name of Your Son, Jesus, extinguish the pain of despair and depression burning in our hearts and terminate it also in the hearts of those we love. As we take our stand against COVID-19, we ask You to eradicate it. We remain shielded by faith in Your person and promises.

In Jesus’ Name. Amen.