

Praying for Revival



Ephesians 6:10-20 NIV

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And 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. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Questions:

1. What do you notice in this passage? What stands out to you?
2. What things in your life are you struggling against? What about our neighbors in need? Based off the passage, how does these words from Paul change how you look at and approach those struggles?
3. Twice, Paul stresses putting on the "full armor of God". Why do you think he is stressing this? What does it look like to put this on daily for us personally and for your GJC?
4. Paul tells the church in Ephesus multiple times to pray. Often, we think the armor of God is only the 6 obviously stated pieces. Prayer, however, is the 7th piece that really activates the rest of the armor. How could leaning into prayer with this type of mindset impact your faith, your ministry to the community, your community over all?