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FIGHTING ON YOUR KNEES

The strife and unrest in our nation is not by accident. There is no doubt that the enemy, Satan, is throwing an all-out offensive against this nation. His primary target is the church. While he would love to destroy this nation, he is wreaking havoc in order to hinder, hurt, and cripple the church. The church of Jesus Christ must stand firm. We must seek God to help us in this war. This issue of The Prayer Closet will provide a variety of prayer guides to assist you or your church in this war.

Basic Warfare Praying

The following is a basic guide to doing warfare prayer. It is based on the biblical teaching about spiritual warfare.

I ask You to bind and destroy the evil and murderous plans of Satan for this area (**1 John 3:8**).

I pray that the believers in this area will stand strong in faith against Satan and his schemes (**1 Peter 5:8-9**).

I plead that You would deliver the lost in this area from the kingdom of darkness; place them into the kingdom of Your dear Son Jesus (**Colossians 1:13**).

I ask that the people of this area would no longer believe the lies of Satan (**John 8:44**).

I pray that You would tear down the unbelieving mindset that Satan has built in the minds of the people here (**2 Corinthians 10:5**).

I plead that You would destroy the satanic, ungodly pride of the people in this area (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**).

I ask that Satan would no longer have access to the lost in this area; cut all of his attempts to feed lies to the people in this area (**2 Corinthians 10:4-5**).

Cut off all communication and help between the demons assigned to this area and Satan; throw them into confusion and disorder (**Ephesians 6:12**).

I pray that the people in this area will receive Your Word and escape the snare of the devil who has taken them captive (**2 Timothy 2:26**).

Prepare the hearts of the people that they can hear and receive Your Word; frustrate his attempts to snatch the Word from people (**Matthew 13:4, 18-19**).

Father, I pray that You would limit, hinder, and thwart the schemes that Satan has for this area and its people (**2 Corinthians 2:11**).

I ask in the name of Jesus that You would set free, save, and heal all the people in this area who are under Satan's power (**Acts 10:38**).

I plead that the people in this area will hate and turn from the sin that Satan keeps them bound with (**1 Thessalonians 3:5**).

I pray that the people of this area will no longer be deceived by Satan's clever and attractive ideas and messages (**2 Corinthians 11:13-15**).

Shatter the kingdom of Satan in this area; advance and strengthen Your kingdom here (**Luke 11:17; Matthew 6:10**).

I pray that the believers in this area would put on the armor of God and would experience victory over all the schemes of the enemy (**Ephesians 6:10**).

I ask that You would release of spirit of effectual and fervent prayer in the churches of this area (**Ephesians 6:18**).

Protect and strengthen the spiritual leaders in this area; deliver them from falling into disgrace and the devil's trap (**I Timothy 3:7**).

Going On The Offensive (Romans 8:37)

Going on the offensive means storming heaven, pleading that people, places, or situations are no longer under Satan's control. It is pleading that he will no longer be able to use any of these against the church and the gospel. It is taking back ground he has gained through the fervent and broken intercession.

Determining Your Prayer Targets

- **Pray fervently for the Spirit's leadership.** Seek the Holy Spirit's guidance in what prayer targets you should go on the offensive against. Let the Holy Spirit be the One who leads you into the battle (**Matthew 4:1**).
- **Ask the Holy Spirit some basic questions.** When you pray for the Spirit's leadership, you can ask some basic questions concerning His guidance: Holy Spirit, who do you want us to focus our intercession on?
Who is Satan using to hinder the church and the gospel?
What places are the strongholds of Satan?
What situations are the open doors for Satan to work against the church and the gospel?
Whose salvation would do the most damage to Satan's kingdom and at the same time would do the most to advance God's kingdom?
What changes in this church or community would do the most damage to Satan's kingdom and at the same time would advance God's kingdom?
- **Prayerwalking can help in determining what your prayer targets should be.** Prayerwalking can provide you spiritual insights that you cannot gain while sitting in a prayer room or sanctuary. You might consider prayerwalking your city, community, or area in order to determine your prayer targets.
- **Fasting can make you sensitive to the Spirit's leadership.** Fasting is a crucial aspect of

your spiritual warfare. You might consider fasting in order to prepare yourself to receive the Lord's leading in this area.

Once you determine your prayer targets, pray together in agreement concerning the prayer targets (**Matthew 18:19-20**). The following are some basic points of agreement that you can use to pray in agreement. You can use these or develop your own from them. The key issue is to plead that Satan's control and use of the people, places, or situations would be broken and that Jesus Christ would reign in them.

- (1) That Satan would no longer have any control or power over the person, place, situation;
- (2) That the forces of darkness assigned to them would be bound and removed;
- (3) That the power of the Holy Spirit would be released;
- (4) That Jesus Christ would be received and would reign as Lord over the person, place, or situation.

Offensive Prayer Guide

This prayer guide can assist you in going on the offensive against the enemy and his kingdom:

Father, Your Word declares that Satan desires to build a kingdom. He desires to bind and control lost people, places, and situations. In the name of Jesus, I ask that his kingdom would be smashed to pieces. Destroy his kingdom. In the name of Jesus, I plead that the reign of Jesus would take its place. I pray that Jesus would be acknowledged as Lord in every person's life, in every place, and in every situation (**Luke 4:5-7, 11:18**).

Father, Your Word says that Satan longs to ruin believers. He labors to destroy their faith, their testimony, and their effectiveness. In the name of Jesus, I ask that this work of Satan in my church and area would be stopped. In the name of Jesus, I pray that Your protection and strength would flow into their lives. Cause Your people to stand strong in faith. Enable them to resist him in faith. I plead that Your church would exercise more and more influence and power in this area (**Luke 22:31-32; I John 5:18**).

Father, Your Word reveals that Satan desire to hinder people from hearing the Word. He longs to snatch the Word from their heart and lives so that they will not be transformed by it. In the name of Jesus, I plead that his attack on Your Word and the hearing of Your Word would be stopped. In the name of Jesus, I pray that there would be open doors for your gospel in the lives of the people in this area. I ask that the Spirit would prepare hearts and that Satan would have no power or ability to prevent people from hearing the gospel (**Matthew 13**).

Father, Your Word says that Satan labors to hinder believers. In the name of Jesus, I pray that his hindering work would be bound and stopped. I plead that Your church would have freedom to minister and bless this area. Remove any and all restraints that Satan might attempt to hinder the church with (**1 Thessalonians 2:18**).

Father, Your Word teaches that Satan is a deceiver. He works to blind peoples' eyes to the truth of Your Word. I ask in the name of Jesus that You would blind his work of blinding minds to the truth. I plead in the name of Jesus that You would open the minds of the people in this area. I ask that You would grant them understanding in the gospel of Jesus and that they would surrender themselves to Him in faith and repentance (**2 Corinthians 4:4**).

Father, Your Word reveals that Satan holds people under his power. I ask in the name of Jesus that You would deliver people from His powerful and devious grip. I ask in the name of Jesus that You would break his chains on them through Your Son Jesus Christ. I plead that they would cry out to Jesus and that He would save them by His power and grace (**Acts 10:38**).

Father, Your Word says that Satan binds people with sickness. I pray in the name of Jesus that You would destroy his spiteful plan to bind people with sickness. I ask in the name of Jesus that everyone whom Satan has bound with disease would be set free. Deliver them from Satan's power and restore them physically, emotionally, and spiritually (**Luke 13:16**).

Father, Your Word teaches that Satan is a murderer. He loves destroying lives. I ask in the name of Jesus that You would intervene and stop his murderous

plans. I plead in the name of Jesus that You would grant life and life more abundantly to the people of this area through Your Son Jesus Christ (**John 8:44**).

Father, Your Word declares that Satan schemes against Your people. I ask in the name of Jesus that all of his schemes would fail. I pray that none of his schemes would become a reality. I plead in the name of Jesus that Your will would be done in all the believers. O Lord, I pray that You would finish what You have begun in the believers and among Your churches (**Ephesians 6:11**).

Father, Your Word reveals that Satan is the tempter. He desires to lead Your people to sin against You. I pray in the name of Jesus that You would grant Your people fresh strength and resolve to overcome temptation. I plead in the name of Jesus that Your people would not be overwhelmed by his temptations but that You would deliver them from the evil one (**Matthew 6:13**).

Praying 1 Peter 5:8-9 For Your Church

You can use 1 Peter 5:18 to do spiritual warfare for your church. This verse teaches us to pray the following for the body of believers:

- "Be sober"-I pray that the believers of _____ Church will exercise self-control through the Holy Spirit;
- "Be vigilant"-I plead that the believers of _____ Church will realize that they are in a spiritual war and that they must always be watching and prepared for temptation;
- "Because your adversary, the devil"- I ask that the believers _____ Church would know that the devil will oppose and attack both individual believers and the church as a whole. Give us Your strength and help;
- "Walks about"- I pray that the believers of _____ Church will have deep conviction that Satan is active and at work. Help us to be on our guard against his schemes and temptations;
- "Like a roaring lion"-I plead that the believers of _____ Church will have no fear concerning the enemy or spiritual warfare. I ask that we will be bold in faith and prayer;

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- “Seeking whom he may devour”-I ask You, O God, to empower the believers of _____ Church to pursue holiness. I pray that they will not give him any ground or opening in their lives. I ask You for Your protection against Satan’s schemes against this body;
- “Resist him”-I plead that the believers of _____ Church will resist every temptation and lie of Satan with the truth of God’s Word by the power of Your Holy Spirit;
- “Steadfast in the faith”-I pray that the believers of _____ Church will trust Christ and His victory over Satan and his demons. I plead that they will trust Christ for victory in their temptations and battles. Deliver us from doubt and help us to walk by faith and not be sight;
- “Knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world”- I pray that You would protect and strengthen the other churches in your area. I plead that they will experience victory over Satan’s schemes.

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