

Stand Your Ground

PRAYER FOCUS WEEKEND

13 & 14 JULY 2024



Ephesians 6: 10-18 (NIV)

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your **stand** against **the devil's schemes**. ¹² For 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. ¹³ Therefore 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**. ¹⁴ **Stand** firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And 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.

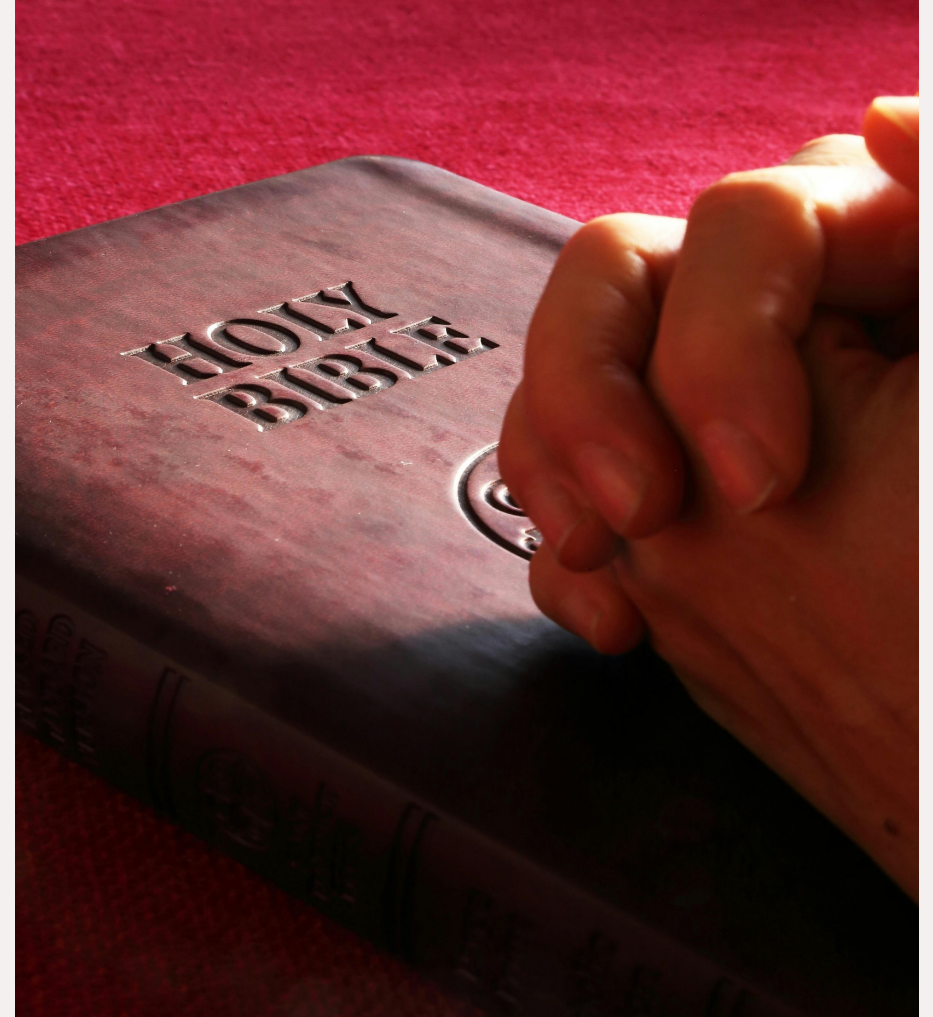
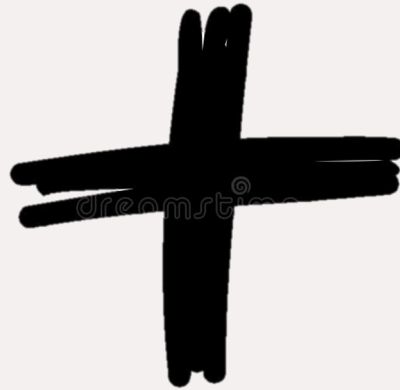
2 Samuel 23: 9-12 (NIV)

⁹ Next to him was Eleazar son of Dodai the Ahohite. As one of the three mighty warriors, he was with David when they taunted the Philistines gathered at Pas Dammim for battle. Then the Israelites retreated, ¹⁰ but Eleazar **stood his ground** and struck down the Philistines till his hand grew tired and froze to the sword. **The LORD brought about a great victory** that day. The troops returned to Eleazar, but only to strip the dead.

¹¹ Next to him was Shammah son of Agee the Hararite. When the Philistines banded together at a place where there was a field full of lentils, Israel's troops fled from them. ¹² But Shammah **took his stand** in the middle of the field. He defended it and struck the Philistines down, and **the LORD brought about a great victory.**



To stand our ground against Satan's schemes,
we must be strong in God and in His mighty powers.



Put on the full Armor of God and Pray!



The Armor of God

- The belt of truth
- The breastplate of righteousness
- The shoes with readiness to announce the gospel of peace
- The shield of faith
- The helmet of salvation; and
- The sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Stand our ground. Stand firm.



Accusations.

*Unsought thoughts
of doubt
and disobedience,
Rebellion, Lust,
Malice, or Fear.*

~ John Stott



Ephesians 6: 18 (ESV):

*“**praying** at all times in the Spirit,
with all **prayer** and supplication.”*

A variety of modes: from praise to
lament, from repentance to requests,
from proclamation to intercession, etc.



Our Prayer to God

“Without prayer, no matter what else we have, our life as Christ’s soldiers will be feeble and ineffective. Without prayer, we are in fact easy prey for the devil.”

-- EM Bounds