

PRAY EVERY DAY August 22, 2021 Resource

Invitation to Prayer from Ephesians 6:18 (NRSV)

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.

A Prayer of Girolamo Savonarola

Lord, we pray not for tranquility,
nor that our tribulations may cease;
we pray for thy spirit and thy love,
that thou grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity;
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Bishop Sharma Lewis Read the Bible in 2021 Challenge (Genesis to Revelation)

August 23: Jeremiah 38 - 41

August 27: Jeremiah 51 - 52

August 24: Jeremiah 42 - 45

August 28: Lamentations 1 - 3:36

August 25: Jeremiah 46 - 48

August 29: Lamentations 3:37 - 5:22

August 26: Jeremiah 49 - 50

Small Group or personal study

Read Ephesians 6:10-20

- What are you strong in? What powers do you have? Verse 10 says, "...be strong in the Lord...the strength of his power." This verse is more about having God's strength be in you than you building yourself up to be strong for God. How are you allowing God's strength to be in you?

- We are encouraged to put on the whole armor of God. Read through verses 11-17 and identify the strange armor of God:

Belt of _____

Breastplate of _____

Shoes of _____

Shield of _____

Helmet of _____

Sword of the _____ which is _____

- How has this armor of God helped you to stand up in faith for others? Which part of the armor of God do you especially need at this time to stand up for others?

- This section on the armor of God is a plural you section such as "you all." Rather than getting dressed as individuals, it is more like a picture of the community being clad in this armor of God. How does this armor fit in your thinking of your Christian community being clothed by one another in this way? Think of times when people need help getting dressed such as very young children, injured, sick, or infirmity. We Christians certainly go through times of not knowing how to put on the armor of God ourselves, so that we need help. Which parts of

the armor of God do you need help putting on right now and who can you lean on to help you? Who do you know who needs help putting on part of the armor of God and how could you help them this week?

Spend time in silence

Prayer for others and yourself

The Lord's Prayer

Share the Love of Jesus because It's All about Relationships

How will you or how did you share the love of Jesus with neighbor today with no strings attached? Write it down and share it this week in small group for support and prayer.

Invitation to Stand in God from Ephesians 6:11 (NRSV)

Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand...