

## WARFARE PRAYER

Dr. Warren Wiersbe, in his book The Strategy of Satan states, "My own experience has been that the morning devotional time is the best time to put on the armor. After I have given God my body, mind, and will, I ask the Holy Spirit to fill me, and then I by faith put on the pieces of the armor. I pray something like this:

*Father, thank You for the provision You have made for victory over Satan. Now, by faith, I put on the girdle of truth. May my life today be motivated by truth. Help me to maintain integrity. By faith, I put on the breastplate of righteousness. May my heart love that which is righteous and refuse what is sinful. Thank You for the imputed righteousness of Christ. By faith, I put on the shoes of peace. Help me to be a peacemaker and not a troublemaker. By faith, I take the shield of faith. May I trust You and Your Word today and not add fuel to any of Satan's darts, Thank You that I can go into this day without fear. By faith, I put on the helmet of Salvation. May I remember today that Jesus is coming again. Help me to live in the future tense. Protect my mind from discouragement and despair. By faith, I take the Sword of the Spirit. Help me to remember Your Word and use it today. Father, by faith I have put on the armor. May this be a day of victory."*

This is not a routine prayer, and I have not recorded it here so that you can memorize and repeat it. Rather, it is here to give you some idea of how we can put on the pieces of the armor by faith, by prayer. This is a private matter between you and the Lord. I cannot tell you how to pray; but I can tell you that you had better pray! Paul describes the kind of praying we must do. It is persevering prayer --"praying at all times".