

Prayer as Warfare

“For our battle is not against flesh and blood ... but against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12).

When it comes to walking close with God and helping make disciples of all nations, you can be sure that Satan and demons will oppose this. Jesus was tempted and attacked by the Devil and demonic forces, and so will we. Since Satan is “the god of this world who blinds the minds of unbelievers” (2 Cor. 4:4), you can be sure he will do everything he can to oppose evangelism and missions. Therefore, if you seek to love God with all your heart, and seek to obey Jesus’ command to “go into all the world and make disciples” (Mt. 28:18), don’t be surprised if spiritual warfare increases in your life.

But fear not, for Jesus has won the victory over the demonic realm, and He has given us authority in His name to “submit to God, resist the devil, and he will flee” (Jas. 4:7). Prayer is our weapon for overcoming the powers of darkness. Prayer is the means by which we submit to God and resist the Devil. Prayer is the way we stay in constant closeness with our Master, Jesus. Prayer is how we worship God and watch demons flee. What a privilege to win the battles through prayer, and this is why we must “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17).

PRAYER: Take time now to pray for one of the countries we support or a country that God puts on your heart. Pray specifically against the powers of darkness that are at work in that country. Pray for God’s Spirit to be released over that country. Praise God that He is more powerful than Satan!