



Praying in Preparation for Spiritual Warfare By Karen Sue Nyquist

Lord, It's Your Word, Your Will, and Your Way - "Lord, we know that if we pray and fight spiritual battles according to Your will, You will hear and answer us. When we declare Your Word, we are declaring Your will. Then we can trust that You will answer us in Your way, the way and the timing that You know is best for the situation, for Your Word says: "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14). Thank You Lord, in Jesus' name. Amen." — You can personalize God's Word as you pray and war. Here is one format you can use when preparing for Spiritual Warfare. You don't need to confine yourself to reading these words but you can just refer to these principles.

- 1. Praise, Worship, Thanksgiving** - "Heavenly Father, I am entering into Your presence by praising, worshiping, and thanking You for all You are, You have been doing, and will be doing" (Psalm 100:4). *(Then sing to Him several songs, pray in tongues, etc.)*
- 2. Confession and Asking Forgiveness** - "Lord, I confess I am a sinner and I ask You, please forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). *(You can confess sins that come to your mind, but don't let yourself get distracted. Also, don't let the devil put a guilt trip on you, none of us are perfect, just focus on going to war.)*
- 3. Pure Heart and Clean Hands** - "I want to come before You with a pure heart and clean hands (Psalm 24:3-4). So I am coming, not in my own righteousness, but in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, whose blood forgives and cleanses me from all my sin" (Philippians 3:9; 1 John 2:7).
- 4. The Throne of Grace** - "Because of Your blood, Jesus, I can come boldly before the throne of grace in this time of need for protection and mercy" (Hebrews 10:19; 4:16).
- 5. Armor of God** - *(Because you are preparing for spiritual warfare, you can act out putting on each piece of the armor of God, it makes it seem more real and emphasizes the importance of each piece.)* "I am putting on the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the helmet of salvation, my feet are shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, I have the shield of faith, so I can quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one, and the sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word" (Ephesians 6:13-17).
- 6. Authority and Power** - "Now, I can go to war in faith, trusting in the authority You have given me to trample on demons and in the power of the Holy Spirit that is over all the power of the enemy. I know that nothing will hurt me" (Luke 10:19; Acts 1:8).
- 7. Seated with Christ** - "Jesus, I am not alone, but I am seated with You in heavenly places, far above all demonic powers and principalities" (Ephesians 1:21; 2:6).
- 8. Holy Spirit Anointing** - "Because I don't know how I ought pray, I am asking You, Holy Spirit, to please anoint me and lead me in this battle" (Romans 8:26).
- 9. Mind of Christ** - "Please, fill me with the mind of Christ and with His faith, so I can ask that angels be dispatched and so that I will have no unbelief that could give the devil a foothold" (1 Corinthians 2:16; Matthew 26:53; Ephesians 4:27 NIV).
- 10. Angelic Protection and a Hedge of Protection** - "I ask that You have Your angels guard me in all my ways and that You put Your a hedge of protection around me like You did around Job, so there will be no retaliation against me, my family, my relatives, my church family, and my friends. I know that no weapon formed against me shall prosper (Psalm 91:11; Job 1:10; Isaiah 54:17). I am asking all of this in Jesus' precious name. Amen!"
- 11. Curses, Hexes, and Divinations** - "I cut off all curses, hexes, and divinations, in Jesus' name, and declare, *there is no sorcery nor any divination against me. God has blessed me and no one can reverse His blessing by cursing me*" (Numbers 23:20, 23).
- 12. Engaging in Battle** - Please, see the article, "Christians' 12 Offensive Spiritual Weapons and 12 Goals of Spiritual Warfare" posted on nations.takers.com on the homepage under "Prayer."
- 13. Thanksgiving During and After the Battle** - "Thank You, Precious God, for all Your help and for the victory You have given me in this battle (Deut. 20:4), in Jesus' name. Amen!"