God’s Armor

Paul wrote these words: 10 Last of all, be clothed with the Lord Jesus and the power of his strength. 11 Put on all of God’s armor. Then you will be able to stand against the evil tricks of the Devil. 12 Our fight is not against human beings. No, it is against rulers, against authorities, against world powers of this darkness, and against evil spiritual beings in the heavenly world. 13 This is why you must take up all of God’s armor. Then, when the time for battle comes, you will be able to resist. And, after you have fought your best, you will stand.

14 So, stand firm, using truth as a belt around your waist. Put on the chest-plate of righteousness. 15 With shoes on your feet, be ready to tell the Good News about peace. 16 And, along with everything else, take up faith for a shield. With this, you will be able to put out all the burning arrows of the evil one. 17 Take the helmet of salvation. And, use the sword of the Spirit. (This is the message of God.) 18 Pray with the Spirit at all times. Use all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be on guard! Always pray for all the holy people.

19 Pray for ME, too! Then, when I open my mouth to speak, the message will be given to me. With boldness, I will reveal the secret of the Good News. 20 I am a representative in chains for this gospel. Pray that I will speak boldly about it, as I should.