

Thursday 16th April 2020

Good morning!

"The greatest tragedy in life is the prayers that go unanswered because they go unasked."

This arresting quote is from Mark Batterson's book, *The Circle-Maker* (and the companion work, *'Draw the Circle - a 40 Day Prayer Challenge*)

If you're looking for a boost in your prayer life, this short readable volume packs a punch and comes highly recommended.

Let's not be guilty of seeing our prayers go unanswered simply because they went unasked. (By the way, Mark Batterson's church is yet another where God is stirring a fresh '7:14 prayer initiative' - see [here](#)

The Circle-Maker: you can purchase it [here](#)

Draw the Circle, 40 Day Prayer Challenge: you can purchase it [here](#)

For today, we simply read, reflect slowly and act upon these encouraging truths from scripture and pray the prayer that follows:

"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2 Cor 10:4)

"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand." (Eph 6:10-13)

Lord, strengthen our minds and emotions with the truth that you are far greater than COVID-19, than all sickness, than all disease and disorder. Your righteousness protects our hearts from despair and discouragement. Your word enables us to walk through this current crisis - and any crisis - in peace.

Although this is a physical disease, we know the enemy wants to take advantage of this moment. Together, we stand in faith against the powers of darkness in this 'evil day'. We put on the whole armour of God and stand firm in the promises of your forever word.

In your armour, we stand protected from the fiery darts of panic, fear and anxiety. We take up the shield of faith on behalf of our families, our friends, our neighbours, our churches, our villages, towns, cities, nation and all the nations of your world. The hope of salvation is our battle helmet.

We declare confidently the promise of your word that no weapon forged against us will prosper. Therefore, we pray in expectant faith that COVID-19 will be eradicated, fear will subside, and your name and your glory will be known throughout the earth.

In Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

PS A reminder that Spring Harvest is still online [here](#), from 13-17 April - a brilliant opportunity for people of every age and stage!

