

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for week beginning July 29th 2024



Pauls letter to the Church of the Ephesians contains this great picture, in words, of a Roman Soldier

The Armour of God

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For 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. ¹³Therefore 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. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.

Monday 29th July

Stand your ground

Tuesday 30th July

with the belt of **truth** buckled round your waist

Wednesday 31st July

with the breastplate of **righteousness** in place,

Thursday 1st August

¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the **gospel of peace**

Friday 2nd August

take up the shield of faith,

Saturday 3rd August

¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation

Sunday 4th August

and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Can I remind us that one of the nation's favourite Hymns has the word "nor shall my sword sleep in my hands..."