



## WEEK 29 PRAYER

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*This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.*

— ACTS 19:10 (ESV)

*Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints...*

— EPHESIANS 6:10-18 (ESV)

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### THE PRAYER

Heavenly Father, the Apostle Paul experienced a supernatural time of fruitfulness in the city of Ephesus. With a small team, what started as a church plant of twelve transformed one of the darkest cities in the Roman world. The spiritual impact of this church was so profound that the message of the Gospel affected the whole province of Asia. In the words of Paul, “So the word of the Lord continued to increase and prevail mightily.” (Acts 19:20)

**Father, infiltrate our cities and nations, like you did in Ephesus, through the preaching of the Gospel and a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit.**

Today, we choose to be strong in You, Lord. We are thankful for Your power and strength in our lives. Help us to realize more every day that our ultimate battles are not against viruses or even our fellow humans. We are in a battle with the demonic hosts of our greatest adversary, the devil. Our foes are not mere humans. We cannot afford to contend with them as if we were in the natural realm. We must war with spiritual weaponry—the Word of God and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Lord, we come before You today, not as individuals, but as a unified prayer army representing 180 nations. We ask You to expose Satan and his hosts, who are blinding billions of people in our world through lies and deception. The light of the Gospel is greater than the deepest darkness.**

Lord, in an hour that Your Word designates as “the evil day,” You have given us the privilege to serve You. COVID-19 is still churning through the nations of the world. Our economies have been damaged. The seams of our nations are in danger of splitting. Societal, ethnic, and political tensions are spilling over into the streets of our cities. We take our stand on this truth: the name of Jesus is greater than the power of any virus and unrest. Jesus has the power to eradicate this disease, heal our economies, and save our world.

**Lord, we come before Your throne, in the precious name of Your Son, Jesus. We ask You to eradicate COVID-19 and heal our fractured lands.**