

Prayer Topics w/b 19th June 23

Ephesians 6:10-18 is quite clear about who and what our battles are with. It also provides us with the solution as to how we can stand firm in this battle.

We are to stand against the devil's schemes, who "comes only to steal and kill and destroy", drawing people into life choices and practices that come directly against the life "to the full" that Jesus comes to bring (John 10:10).

Much of this at the moment seems to be around family and relationships, where what the bible clearly teaches as right and good is rejected and that which is wrong and harmful becomes more and more acceptable in our world. Even people's own understanding of who they are and who they should be becomes twisted and can lead to them doing awful and irreparable damage to themselves and others. As all of these things become the norm, it seems to become harder for us to speak truth in helpful and impactful ways.

But we know that Jesus is the answer to all of this. He is the Truth and he is with us in every situation and conversation. Truth is found in him, so as we make him known, we make the truth known. Pray for opportunities to share truth with those who don't yet know and follow Jesus, and when those opportunities come, ask the Holy Spirit for courage and for the right words to say.

And let's put on God's armour and stand firm against the evil one, who "prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). Pray that God will stop the spread of the devil's lies and that the Holy Spirit will bring conviction to those who are being led away from God in their thinking and practice.

Pray too for the protection of children and young people, many of whom are being led down unhelpful and damaging paths. Pray for the leaders in Youth and Kids Church, as they try to instil truth into the lives of our youngsters.

And let's pray for parents, that they would have wisdom to know how to respond to all that their children are hearing and learning. Pray for them as they endeavour to lead their children to the one who is "the Way, the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6).

And always give thanks to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor 15:57).

Blessings,

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