



# Daily Reflections

**October 27, 2016**

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## Scripture

### **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Brothers and sisters:

Draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power.  
Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm  
against the tactics of the Devil.

For our struggle is not with flesh and blood  
but with the principalities, with the powers,  
with the world rulers of this present darkness,  
with the evil spirits in the heavens.

Therefore, put on the armor of God,  
that you may be able to resist on the evil day  
and, having done everything, to hold your ground.

So stand fast with your loins girded in truth,  
clothed with righteousness as a breastplate,  
and your feet shod in readiness for the Gospel of peace.

In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield,

to quench all the flaming arrows of the Evil One.  
And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit,  
which is the word of God.  
With all prayer and supplication,  
pray at every opportunity in the Spirit.  
To that end, be watchful with all perseverance and supplication  
for all the holy ones and also for me,  
that speech may be given me to open my mouth,  
to make known with boldness the mystery of the Gospel  
for which I am an ambassador in chains,  
so that I may have the courage to speak as I must.

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## **Our Scripture Reflection**

In today's reading, Paul uses military imagery to describe the Christian's role in the world. The enemy who must be battled? Satan, the power of evil. The disciple back then and the disciple today must be prepared for attacks from the enemy at every turn. The great news is that we have the promise of Christ's Presence and protection until the end of time.

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## **Food for your Journey**

"Without heroes, we are all plain people and don't know how far we can go."--Bernard Malamud, *The Natural* (London: Chatto & Windus, 1980).

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## **Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, Please watch over and protect me from the evil one. Strengthen my faith so that I may remain strong and loyal to You. Amen.

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