

A top-down view of a diverse group of people sitting in a circle on a wooden floor, holding hands in prayer. The image is dimly lit, with the text overlaid in the center. The people are wearing various casual and semi-formal clothing, including shirts, blouses, and a patterned top. The hands are clasped together in the center, creating a sense of unity and community.

# Experiencing the Power of Prayer in Community

Ephesians 6:10-18

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**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

## Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

**12** 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.

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**13** Therefore put on the full armor 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.

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**14** Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,

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

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**16** In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

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**17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.



## Ephesians 6:10-18 (NIV)

**18** And 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 Lord's people.

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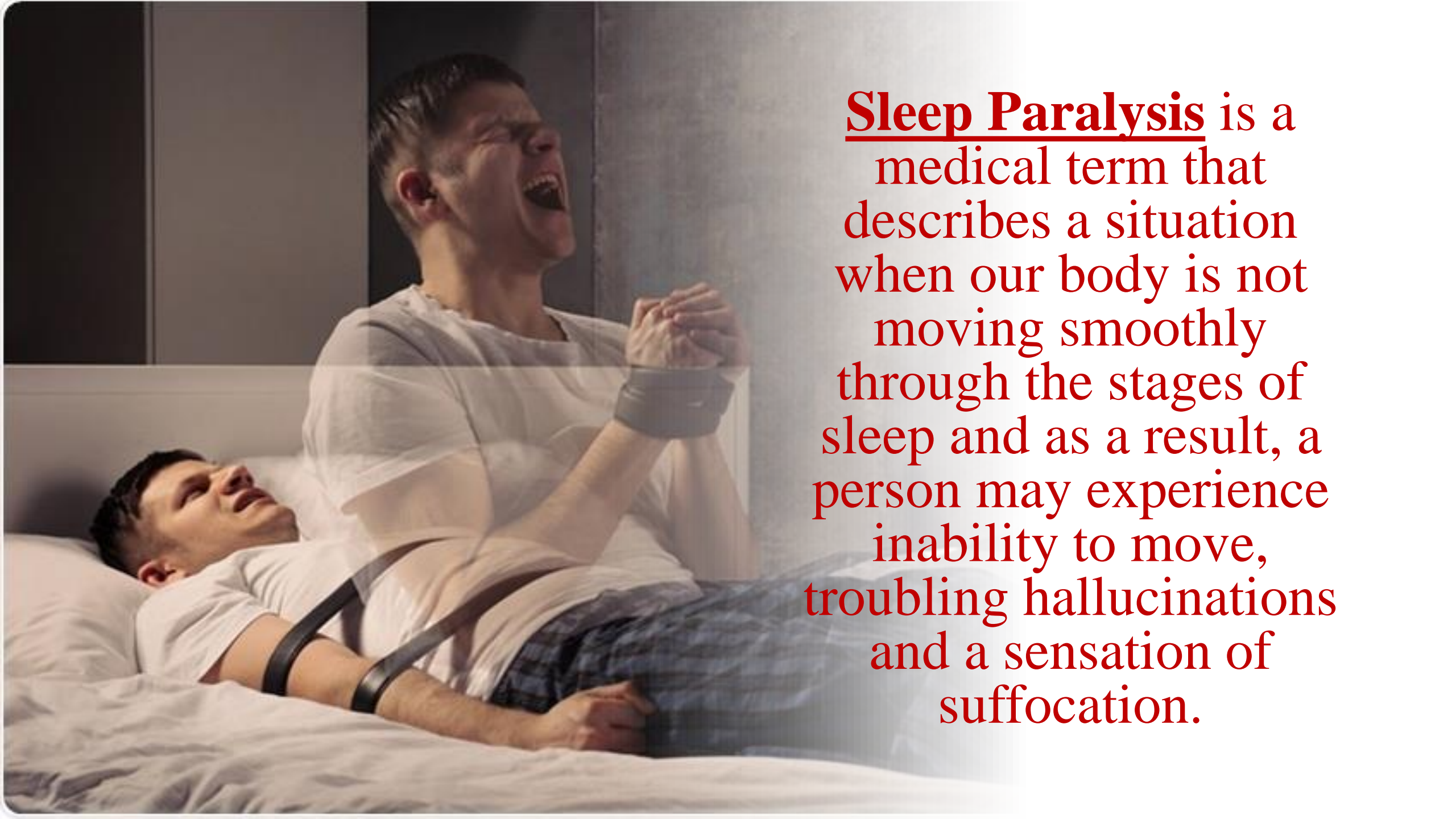
“In PMC, we seek to be disciples of Jesus Christ who experience God's power in prayer, God's love in community, and God's joy in witness.”



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**Sleep Paralysis** is a medical term that describes a situation when our body is not moving smoothly through the stages of sleep and as a result, a person may experience inability to move, troubling hallucinations and a sensation of suffocation.



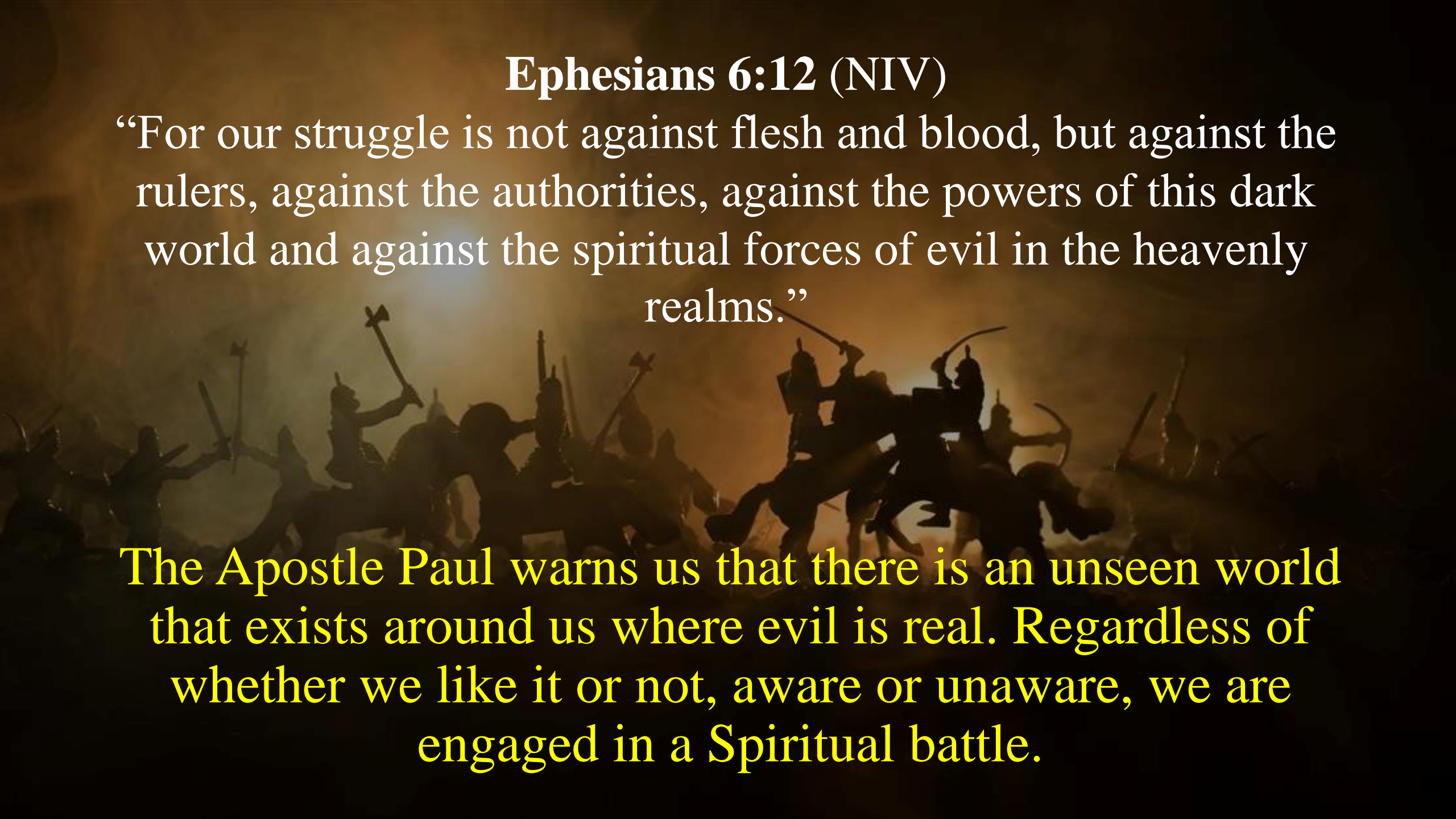


**“There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them.”**

*C. S. Lewis*

## **Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)**

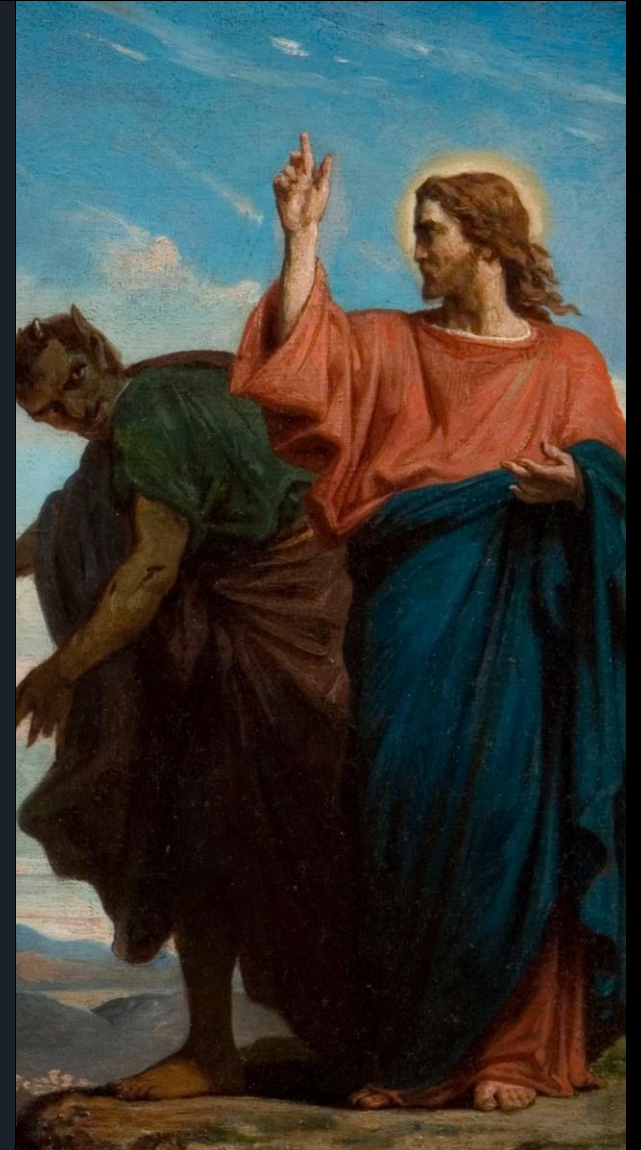
“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.”

The background of the slide features a dark, atmospheric scene of a battle. Silhouetted against a hazy, orange-brown light, numerous warriors are engaged in combat. Some are on horseback, while others are on foot, all wielding various weapons like swords, spears, and axes. The overall mood is one of intense, chaotic warfare.

**The Apostle Paul warns us that there is an unseen world that exists around us where evil is real. Regardless of whether we like it or not, aware or unaware, we are engaged in a Spiritual battle.**



**Jesus often came into direct conflict with the forces of darkness where he had to confront and casts out demonic spirits from people.**





## John 17:15

“My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.”



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Right now, the kingdom of  
God coexists with the  
kingdom of darkness, and it is  
not a peaceful coexistence.

There are tensions and there  
are conflicts.

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## 1 Peter 5:8

“Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”

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**We don't escape  
spiritual warfare simply  
because we choose not to  
believe that it exists or  
because we refuse to  
fight it.**

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How do we protect ourselves  
from the Evil one?

**1. Put on  
the armor  
of God.**







# The Amour of God

(Ephesians 6:13-17)

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- Practicing righteousness;
- Believing and having faith in God;
- Being ready to testify for God at all times;
- Be secured in our identity in Christ;
- Know the Word of God and apply it to every situation in life.

How do we protect ourselves from  
the Evil one?

## 2. Praying for One Another.

### **Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)**

“And 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 Lord’s  
people.”







# Praying in Community

Why can't we pray alone?

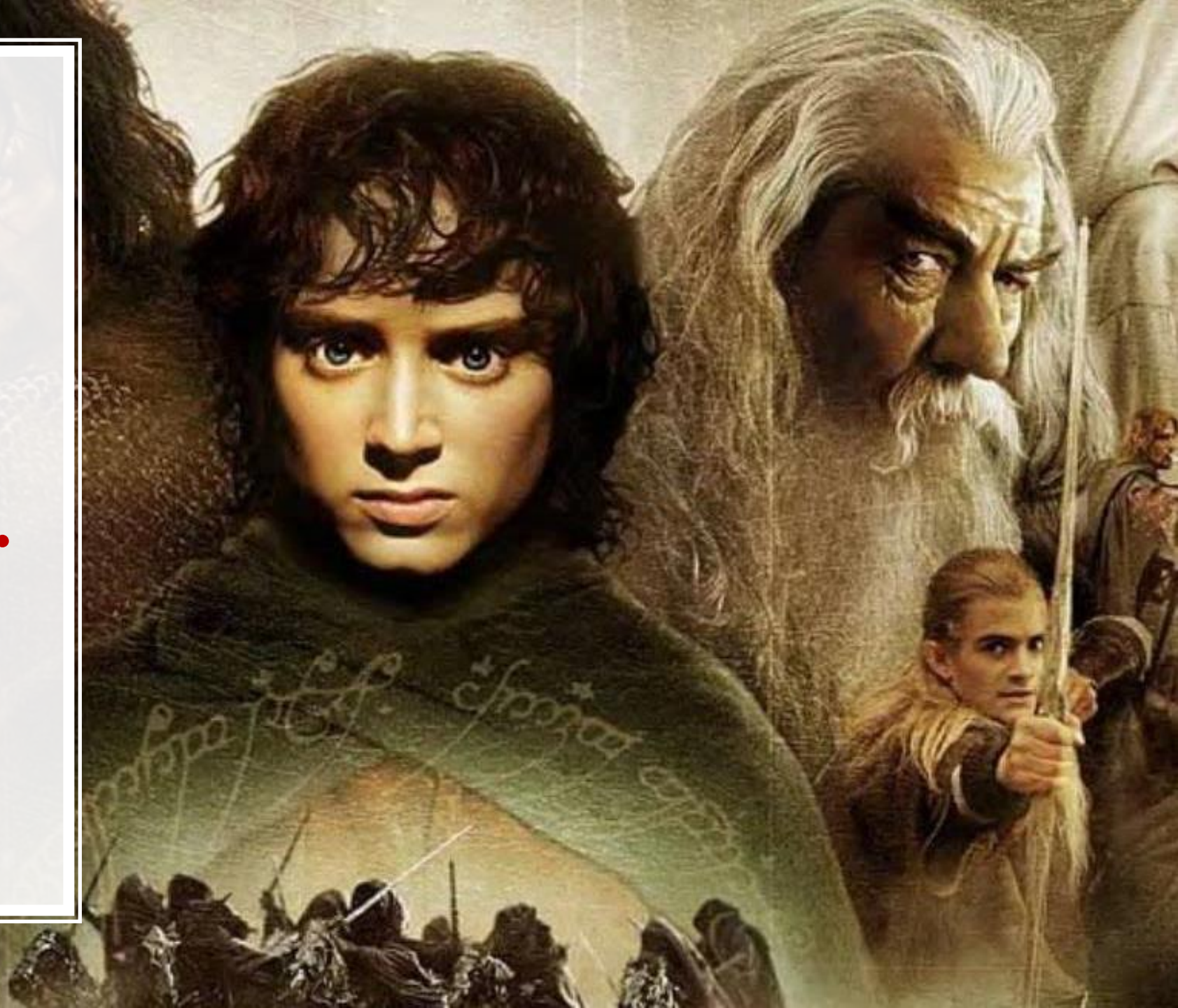
**We may not always have the strength nor the ability to pray consistently for ourselves.**



**Fate has chosen  
him.**

**A fellowship  
will protect him.**

**Evil will hunt  
them.**







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# DIVIDE and CONQUER

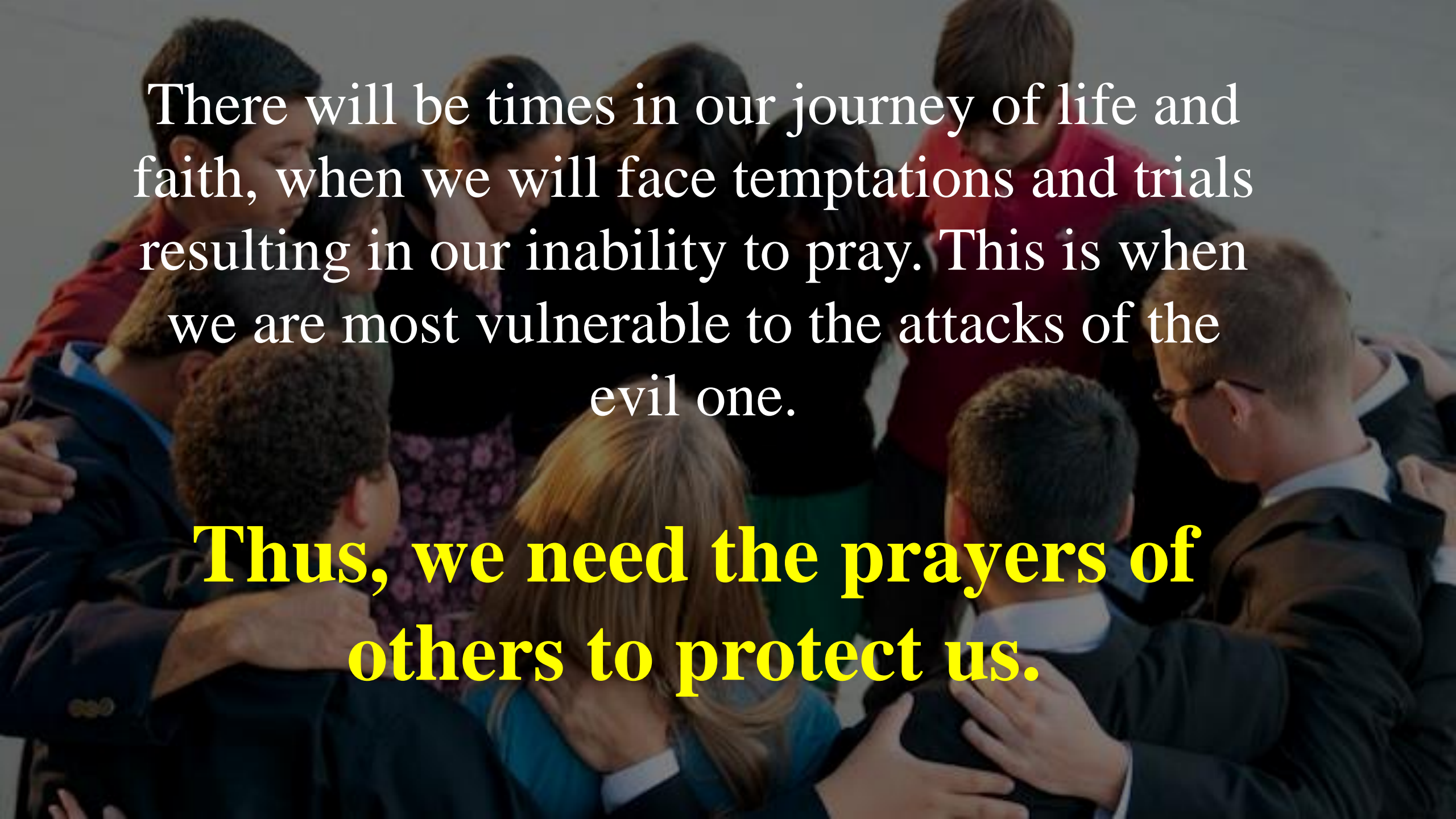


From the beginning, right in Eden,  
the Enemy's strategy has always  
relied upon a simple aim:

**Divide and conquer.**

**Isolate them and take  
them out.**





There will be times in our journey of life and faith, when we will face temptations and trials resulting in our inability to pray. This is when we are most vulnerable to the attacks of the evil one.

**Thus, we need the prayers of others to protect us.**



Prayer must never be an addendum in our small group meetings or any other meetings in Church.

**We need the prayers of others in community to protect us from the evil one.**

What kind of prayers  
protect us from the evil  
one?

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All kinds of prayers  
and requests.



**Ordinary  
Prayers**



**Satan works in the  
ordinary.**







# Satan works in the ordinary

**Luke 22:31-32 (NIV)**

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthened your brothers.”



# Satan works in the ordinary

If Jesus didn't tell us about Satan and his work to sift out Peter and his fellow disciples, we would not have known that Satan was involved.





How do we pray for protection  
from the Evil One?

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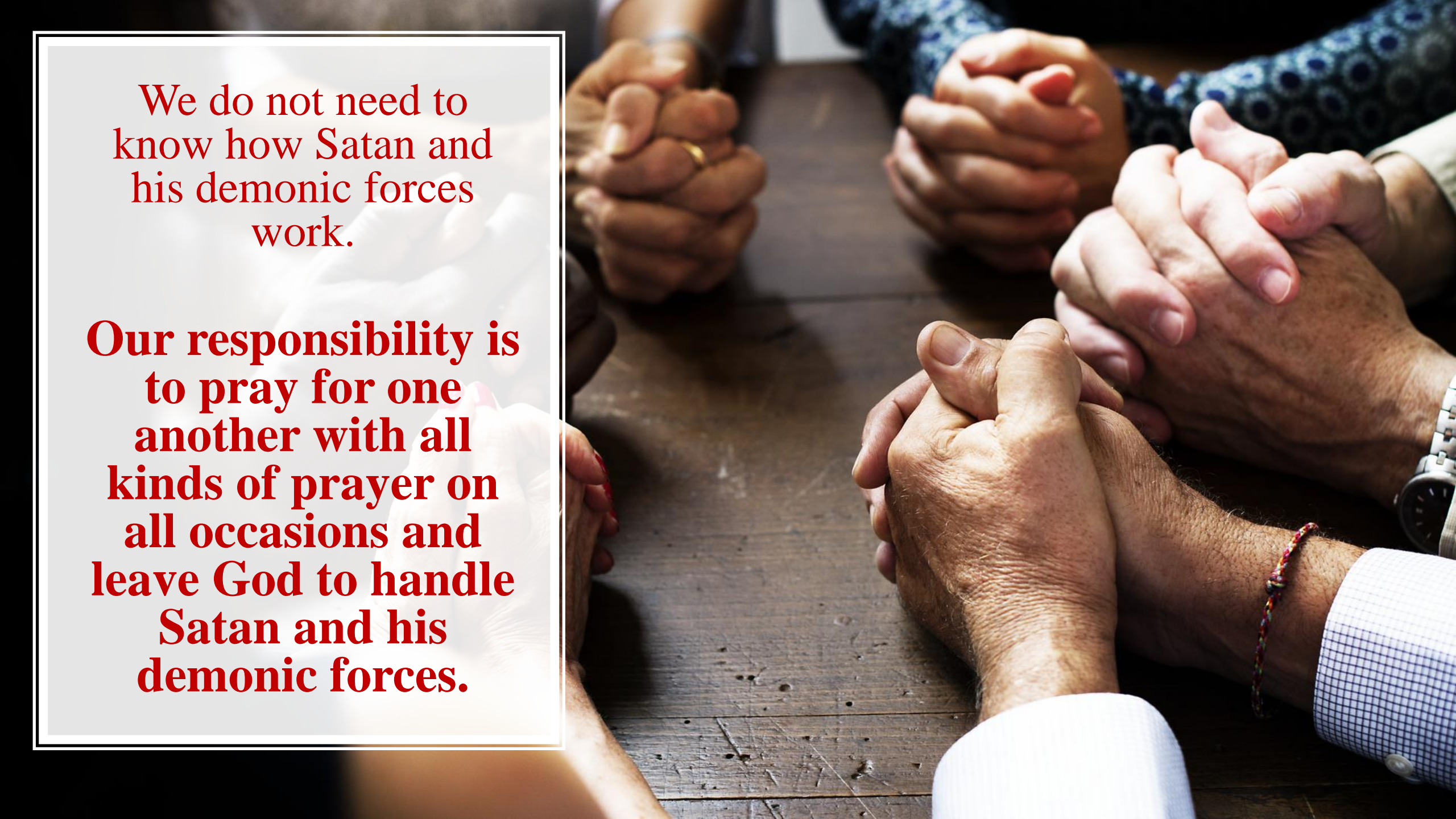
The background of the image features several black silhouettes of people in various prayer postures against a dark grey background. On the left, a person is kneeling with their head tilted back and arms raised. In the center, a person stands with hands clasped in prayer. To the right, another person is kneeling with hands clasped, and further right, a person is kneeling with their head bowed and hands resting on their knees.

**Pray for everything;**

**For all saints;**

**On all occasions.**



A group of people are sitting around a dark wooden table, their hands clasped together in prayer. The hands are of various skin tones and are positioned in a circle. Some people are wearing watches or bracelets. The background is slightly blurred, focusing attention on the hands and the text overlay.

We do not need to  
know how Satan and  
his demonic forces  
work.

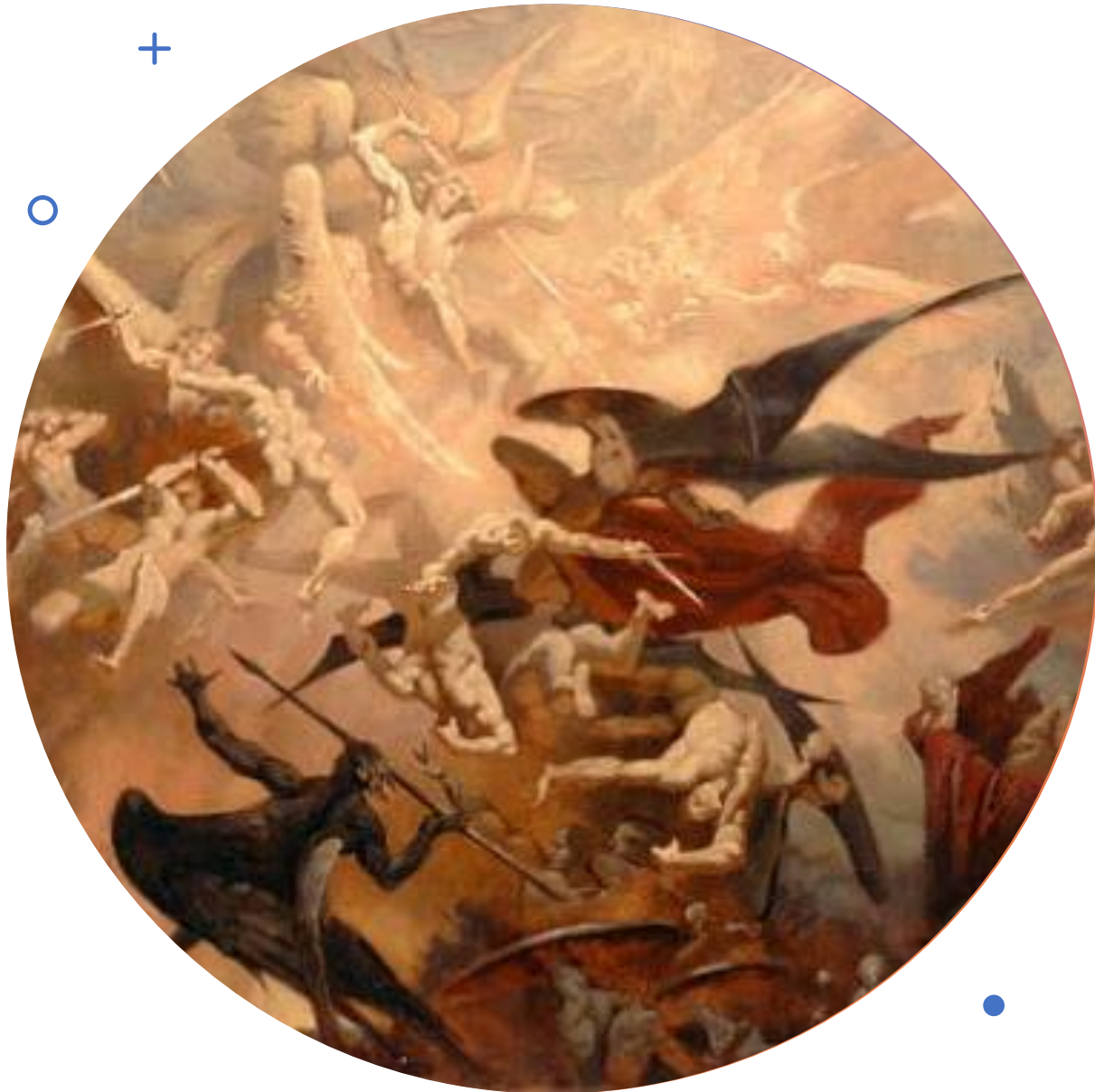
**Our responsibility is  
to pray for one  
another with all  
kinds of prayer on  
all occasions and  
leave God to handle  
Satan and his  
demonic forces.**





Daniel 10

Daniel  
praying.



**The Angel Gabriel was delayed in bringing the message to Daniel because of a spiritual battle that was going on in the heavenlies.**

**But Daniel was oblivious to the spiritual battle occurring in the heavenlies.**

- **Daniel 10:12-14**





**Jesus has chosen us;  
Evil will hunt us;  
But the faithful prayers of brothers and sisters-  
in-Christ in community will protect us.**



The image features a classic 'The End' title card. The text 'The End' is written in a white, elegant cursive script, centered within a dark grey circle. This circle is surrounded by several more concentric circles of varying shades of grey, creating a tunnel-like effect that draws the eye towards the text. The overall background is a dark, solid grey.

*The End*