

CALLING ALL PRAYER WARRIORS!!

♪♪ ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS
MARCHING AS TO WAR,
WITH THE CROSS OF JESUS
GOING ON BEFORE ♪♪

So goes the stirring refrain of a popular Protestant hymn. The scourge of the Coronavirus with its many ramifications and the proliferation of violence and destruction in cities across America have brought fear, confusion and division. We are indeed in a battle against invisible forces!

Saint Paul addresses spiritual warfare in Ephesians 6:11-12:

“Put on the whole armour 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”. Further in Ephesians, he reveals God’s weaponry for our ultimate victory, namely:

the truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, the word of God, and PRAYER.

It was with prayer that our Philoptochos Board opened its first virtual meeting of this challenging ecclesiastical year. Feeling the need to connect with and show support for all our sisters and brothers in Christ, we determined to enlist an army of prayer warriors with the purpose of covering every member of our Cathedral family with prayer.

And so on September 14, as we celebrate the Elevation of the Venerable and life-giving Cross with our Orthodox hymn: *“Save, o Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. Grant victory to those who battle evil, and protect us all by your HOLY CROSS”*, we will dispatch our “Christian Soldiers”. To do so, we need at least 30 volunteers to each cover one page of our church directory in prayer each day (a 5 to 10 minute commitment).

Please enlist today or tomorrow (before you forget) by contacting Presvytera Vivian at:

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Include your phone number and street address.

You may pick up your prayer packet on Sunday, September 13th or Monday, September 14th, after the Liturgy; or you may request an electronic copy.

Many have expressed the desire to DO SOMETHING HELPFUL during this difficult time. This is a wonderful opportunity to help others and grow closer to our Lord.

We pray God will bless this effort and bring strength and peace to us all! Thank you and Kirie Eleison! 🙏