

## A Prayer of Power

Recently our family experienced a lot of sickness. The kids were preschoolers and so one would expect a lot of sickness. This however was different – relentless and continuous, our spirits were getting a bit worn down. We had prayed about it and believed that there was a spiritual battle going on at the time as I had been sharing about Jesus to a family who were caught up in numerology and a new age religion. I had seen a flyer at church about prayer from the Elders and the verses below:

### The Prayer of Faith

*James 5:13-16, Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.*

I contacted Jacqui (Church Care) at church, mentioning about the flyer and asked if they would come and pray for us. An Elder, Jacqui and Michelle came to pray for us. It was very encouraging and powerful to have them stand with us in prayer before our powerful God. They even did the oil on our foreheads thing! At one point as the Elder prayed he said “we pray that you will protect this family and home and we pray in Jesus name for the banishment of the devil and harm” and raised his hand and pointed his finger out the window. I heard and saw (in my spirit) dark beings fleeing with such force and speed like they were being flung beyond the end of the earth. And I heard them screeching, I imagine in fear and frustration, in the highest pitched sounds I have ever heard. And they were fleeing in the exact direction the Elder was pointing his finger! Things settled right back down for us. How powerful our God is!

