

GOD'S PROTECTION FOR YOUR FAMILY (Promises re: Child Custody Problems, Rebellious Teenagers, Family Matters Involving Legal Battles)

Psalm 127:3 "Behold, CHILDREN are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is His reward."

Isaiah 54:13-15 & 17 "And all your children will be taught of the Lord; and the peace (well-being) of your children will be great. In righteousness you will be established; you will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; and far from terror, for it will not come near you.....Whoever gathers together against you will fall for your sake. No weapon formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me, declares the Lord."

Psalm 103:6 "The Lord executes righteousness and judgment for all who are oppressed."

Psalm 9:9-10 "The Lord also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in time of trouble. And they that know Your name will put their TRUST in You: for You, Lord, have not forsaken them that seek You."

PRAYER: "Lord, I ask You to execute judgment on my behalf in every situation where people are coming against me and my family, or trying to oppress us in any way. I thank You that no weapon that is formed against me and my family will prosper or be successful, and that You will vindicate us, and those who come against me will fall. This is my heritage, because I belong to Jesus, and I am Your obedient servant."

Exodus 23:20 "Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared."

Revelation 3:7 ".....These things says He who is holy, He who is true, He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens."

Hebrews 1:14 "Are they not all ministering SPIRITS, sent forth to render service on behalf of those who will inherit salvation?"

Psalm 91:11-12 "For He will give His ANGELS charge concerning you, to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up in their hands, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

PRAYER: "Lord, I thank You that you are sending Your angels before and with me and my children, to BRING US into the PLACE which You have prepared for us. I ask You, Lord Jesus, to OPEN the RIGHT door for me and my children, and CLOSE any wrong doors. Thank You, Lord, for sending Your angels to protect me and my children, even if they are not yet saved, or are far away from me."

For Children that Have Run Away or Been Taken from You

Jeremiah 31:16-17 "Thus says the Lord, 'Restrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded,' declares the Lord, 'And they (your children) shall return from the land of the enemy. And there is hope for your future, ' declares the Lord, 'And your children shall return to their own territory.'"

Galatians 3:13 "Christ hath REDEEMED us from the CURSE of the law, being made a CURSE for us; for it is written, cursed is every one that is hanged on a tree."

PRAYER: "Lord, I ask You to bring back my children from the land of the enemy. Thank You that You have given me hope for our future as a family. Because I belong to Jesus Christ, I am not under the curse of the law, which says I shall have sons and daughters, but they will be given to another people, while my eyes shall look on and yearn for them, and that they will remain in captivity (Deut. 28:32 & 41). Thank You, Jesus, You have redeemed me from that curse!"

II Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is completely His."

Matt. 15:28 "Then Jesus answered and said to her, 'O woman, YOUR FAITH is great; may it be DONE for you as you wish'. And her daughter was healed at once."

PRAYER: "Lord, I thank You that You will show Yourself to be **STRONG** on my behalf if I am completely loyal and faithful to You. Help me, Lord, to keep my heart completely Yours. Then, You can bless me and my children because of MY faith, even when my children are rebellious and not being faithful. Lord, Your eyes run to and fro throughout the whole earth, so You know where my children are and what they are doing, even when I do not. I commit them into Your hands, and ask You to protect and deliver them, in Jesus' name."

Exodus 12:35-36 "And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they borrowed of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment; and the Lord **gave the people FAVOR in the sight** of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required (gave them what they wanted)."

Psalms 5:11-12 "But let all those that put their TRUST in You rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because You DEFEND them. Let them also that love Your name be joyful in You. For You, Lord, will BLESS the RIGHTEOUS, You will SURROUND him with FAVOR as with a shield."

PRAYER: "Lord, I thank You that You are the DEFENDER of my family. You are GRANTING ME FAVOR in the eyes of the judge, or school board, or whoever is to make a decision that will affect my FAMILY, so that they will give me what I ask for. You are GRANTING ME FAVOR at all interviews, and with any applications I may have to submit. I rejoice in You, I put my trust in You, and I thank You Lord for blessing me and my family, and for surrounding us with Your FAVOR as a protective shield."

Deuteronomy 28:1-8 "And it shall come to pass, if you shall hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord your God, to observe and to do all His commandments.....ALL these BLESSINGS shall COME UPON YOU, and overtake you, if you shall hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your body (your children).....the Lord shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways."

PRAYER: "Lord, I listen diligently and obey the voice of Your word. I thank You that you are commanding Your BLESSINGS to come upon me and overtake me, and you are blessing my children. Anyone who rises up against me as an enemy of my family will be defeated by You, Lord."

Joshua 1:7-9 "Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded you: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may PROSPER wherever you go. This book of the law shall not depart out of your MOUTH, but you shall meditate therein day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have GOOD SUCCESS. Have not I commanded you? "Be strong and of a good courage; BE NOT AFRAID, neither be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

PRAYER: "Lord, I thank You that you are PROSPERING my cause in whatever situation I am in, as long as I KEEP YOUR WORD in my mouth and heart, and meditate on Your word daily. Lord, I ask You to help me to stay strong and courageous, to NOT be AFRAID, and to NOT give up HOPE, because You are with me."

James 1:5-8 "If any of you lack WISDOM, let him ask of God, Who gives to all men liberally, and does not criticize or reproach; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in FAITH, nothing wavering (not fluctuating back and forth). For he who wavers (fluctuates, is undecided) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord. A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways."

PRAYER: "Lord, help me to ALWAYS seek Your wisdom, and not ungodly wisdom from the world. Help me not to be double-minded by doubting You, or by mixing the wisdom from Your word with worldly philosophies and schemes. Thank You for giving me Your wisdom from Your word."

PRAYER FOR TRUSTING IN GOD INSTEAD OF WORRYING

Heavenly Father, You already know what I have need of, but Your word says **MY PART is to TRUST YOU WITH ALL MY HEART** in this situation, LET MY REQUESTS BE MADE KNOWN TO YOU, and to CAST (THROW) ALL **MY BURDEN OF WORRY & ANXIETY** about it onto You. I do that now, Lord: I commit

_____ to
You right now (today's date) _____, and I believe that **You are working out ALL these circumstances FOR MY GOOD**. It's Your problem, now, Lord, not mine. I humble myself before You, Lord, and wait on YOUR TIMING. I DO NOT LEAN (RELY) ON MY OWN UNDERSTANDING (wondering HOW You will work it out, or trying to tell You how to do it), but I **wait patiently for You to BRING IT TO PASS**.

I THANK YOU AND PRAISE YOU, LORD, that You are working it out, and I RECEIVE THE PEACE OF GOD to guard my heart and my mind (thoughts and emotions) in Christ Jesus. If anxious thoughts come to me (if I am TEMPTED TO WORRY and DOUBT), I will stand against that temptation just as I would any other TEMPTATION TO SIN. **Worry IS a sin**, because it means I am NOT TRUSTING You. Thank You, Lord, for Your LOVE, and CARE and PROTECTION that **You GIVE ME every day!**

Sample Prayer for Your Childrens' Spiritual Growth

(If your children are saved, even if not living for the Lord)
Ephesians 1:17-19; Eph. 3:16-20; Col. 1:9-11

Thank You and praise You, Lord, that You are granting to _____, according to the riches of Your glory, to be strengthened with might by Your Spirit in his/her "inner man"; that Christ is dwelling in _____'s heart by faith; that You are causing _____ to be rooted and grounded in Your love - that he/she would truly be able to comprehend HOW MUCH YOU LOVE HIM/HER - and to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge, and that You are causing _____ to be filled with all the fullness of God through Your Holy Spirit (see Eph. 5:18). I make my requests to You for _____ WITH THANKSGIVING (Phil. 4:6) and ask that _____ might be filled with the knowledge of Your will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that he/she might walk in a manner worthy of You, Lord, pleasing You in all respects, and being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of You; strengthened with Your glorious power and might. Thank You and praise You, Lord, that You are doing exceeding abundantly above all that I can ask or think for _____ right now, Lord, by Your power that is working in his/her life. Last of all, Lord, I ask that You give unto _____ the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of You; that the eyes of his/her understanding will be enlightened;

that he/she may know what is the hope of your calling for him/her, and what are the riches of the glory of his/her inheritance in the saints; and what is the EXCEEDING GREATNESS of YOUR POWER TOWARD HIM/HER, because he/she believes in You.

Sample Prayer for Your Childrens' Protection

(Psalm 91 - If your children are not saved, then pray from the perspective that YOU are the one who dwells in the secret place of the Most High)

Thank You, Heavenly Father, that _____ dwells in the secret place of the Most High and abides under the shadow of the Almighty. Lord, You are his/her refuge and fortress, his/her God, and he/she trusts in You. Surely You shall deliver _____ from the snares of the enemy, and from the deadly pestilence (disease). You shall cover him/her with Your feathers, and under Your wings _____ shall trust; Your truth shall be his/her shield and buckler. _____ shall not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flies by day; nor for the pestilence that walks in darkness; nor for the destruction that wastes at noonday. A thousand shall fall at his/her side, and ten thousand at his/her right hand, but it shall not come near him/her.

Because _____ has made the Lord, who is our refuge, even the Most High, his/her habitation; there shall no evil befall him/her, neither shall any plague come near his/her dwelling. For He shall give His angels charge over _____, to keep him/her in all her ways; they shall bear him/her up in their hands, lest he/she dash her foot against a stone. _____ shall tread upon the lion and adder; the young lion and the dragon he/she shall trample under foot. Because _____ loves You, Lord, therefore You will deliver him/her; You will set him/her on high, because _____ has known Your name. _____ shall call upon You, Lord, and You will answer him/her; You will be with him/her in trouble; You will deliver him/her and honor him/her."

PRAYING for SALVATION for your FAMILY

Acts 26:18".....to open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light; and from the power of Satan unto God, that they might receive forgiveness of sins, and an inheritance that is by faith in Me (Jesus)."

Lord, I pray that You would open _____s' eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto You. I pray that _____ might receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance in heaven through Your Son Jesus Christ.

II Corinthians 4:4 & 6 "Because the god of this world has blinded the minds of them that believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.God, who has shined in the darkness, has shined in our hearts to bring the knowledge of the gospel of Jesus Christ, who is the image of God."

John 6:44 "Jesus said, "No man can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him."

Heavenly Father, I ask You to draw _____ to Your Son Jesus Christ. Lord, I ask You to remove the blinding that Satan has put in the minds of _____ and I ask You to shine the light of the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ into their hearts, to bring them the knowledge of who Jesus really is - He is the very image of God, not just a good man or a prophet. Take away the blinding of their minds concerning any and all false religion or worldly philosophies.

Acts 2:17-18 "And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.....and on My servants and on My handmaidens I WILL POUR OUT in those days OF MY SPIRIT, and they shall prophesy...."

II Timothy 2:25-26 "...that You grant them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth, that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who has held them captive to do his will."

Lord, I ask You to pour out Your Holy Spirit upon _____, and bring them under conviction by the working of Your Holy Spirit in their hearts. Lord, I ask that You grant _____ REPENTANCE, so that they will acknowledge the truth of the gospel, and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who has in the past taken them captive. Grant them repentance that leads to ETERNAL LIFE (See John 16:7-14 & Acts 11:18).

HOW TO HAVE GOD'S PEACE

•**Isaiah 26:3** "You will keep him in perfect PEACE, whose mind is stayed (focused) on You."

•**John 14:27** "Peace I leave with you. My PEACE I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not LET your heart be troubled, neither LET it be afraid."

•**John 16:33** "These things I have spoken to you, that IN ME you may have PEACE. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

•**Philippians 4:6-9** "Be anxious for nothing, but in EVERYTHING by PRAYER and supplication, with THANKSGIVING, let your requests be made known to God; and the PEACE of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is any PRAISE – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these DO, and the God of PEACE will be with you."

•**I Thessalonians 5:16-18** "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything GIVE THANKS for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

•**Colossians 3:15** "And LET the PEACE of CHRIST rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be THANKFUL."

•**Psalm 46:10** "Be still, and know that I am God..."

•**Jeremiah 29:11** "'For I know the plans that I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans for welfare (your good) and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope.'"

•**Romans 8:28** "And we know that ALL things WORK together for GOOD to those who LOVE GOD, to those who are the CALLED according to His purpose."

•**II Timothy 1:7** "For God has NOT given us a spirit of FEAR, but of POWER and of LOVE and of a sound MIND."

•**Psalm 61:1-4** "Hear my cry, O God; attend to my prayer. From the end of the earth I will cry to You. When MY HEART IS OVERWHELMED, lead me to the Rock that is higher than I. For You have been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy. I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will TRUST in the shadow of Your wings."

•**Psalm 55:22** "Cast your BURDEN on the Lord, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved."

God promises you His peace in these verses, but EXPERIENCING His peace is not automatic. You have to **LET it rule in your heart**, and **NOT allow your heart to be troubled**. The only way you can do that is to **TAKE your thoughts captive** whenever negative thoughts come into your mind, **REPLACE those negative thoughts** with the WORD of GOD, and **be THANKFUL and PRAISE the Lord** for EVERY situation and circumstance in your life, no matter how unreasonable that may seem. Jesus said that **you CAN have PEACE** in the midst of tribulation (John 16:33) simply because you TRUST in Him. When He says that He has "overcome the world," part of the meaning in the original Greek is "I have deprived it of power to harm you." The storm may be raging all around you, but you are SAFE in Jesus. He has

deprived that situation of whatever harm it might have done you, and He promises that He will work ALL things together for your GOOD (Rom. 8:28). However, you will not **experience His PEACE** until you BELIEVE it, and start thanking Him for EVERYTHING and PRAISING Him in all situations. You CAN'T AFFORD to lean and rely on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6). God is much smarter and far more powerful than you are, and **He is in control of your life! Start acting like it!** Then and only then will you have real peace and victory in your life, and then God will be able to start making whatever changes need to be made. Until you trust Him completely, you block His power from working in your life by your unbelief (Matthew 13:58).