

PROTECTION PRAYERS

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Introduction: Unless we avail ourselves of the protective capacities of God, we leave ourselves vulnerable to the attacks of the evil one. These prayers are offered as a way to preempt those attacks and keep oneself and one's loved ones under the protection of God.

The Armor of God (based on Ephesians 6):

"Lord Jesus Christ, I greet you this morning as Lord, Savior, great High Priest, and my commander and chief. I come to give myself to you and I offer you this new day. I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit. I recognize that I need to clothe myself with you and your strength and armament, for my own are of no use against the enemy or to face the challenges I will encounter in this new day.

*Therefore, I take to myself the **belt of truth**. Teach me your truth and nurture my soul in your Word. By your grace I will desire, speak, and act in accordance with it. I embrace the truth that you love me unconditionally, that you abide in me, and that without you I can do nothing.*

*Second, I take on the **breastplate of righteousness**. Thank you that this is your righteousness, and not my own. Let your righteousness be my breastplate and with it protect my soul and heart. Be the center of my life and the source of all I am and do. By your grace, I will depend on you, obey you, and seek to think, speak and act righteously, lovingly and justly.*

*Once again, I put on the **shoes of the gospel of peace**. I will prepare myself to share the good news of the gospel with others, by reading your word and by being ready to give an account for the hope that is in me. Give me your heart of compassion with those in need. Help me to respond to their needs with wisdom and love.*

*Next, I put on the **helmet of salvation**. Save me, Lord, from the world, the flesh, and the devil. I will trust you to give me the mind of Christ and to think your thoughts in and through me.*

*I take up the **shield of faith** by which to quench all the flaming arrows of the enemy – arrows of temptation, condemnation, accusation, deception, harassment, depression, confusion, sickness, fear and death. I place my faith and hope in you!*

*Finally, having seen to my defense, I take up the **sword of the Spirit**, that particular word which you give to nurture my own life, to use in intercession, to speak to others or to utter against the enemy in whatever ways you lead me to do.*

*Over it all, Lord, I ask for and put on the **mantle of love**. Fill me with your great love for my (spouse/children/grandchildren) and myself, and for all whom I encounter today. Most of all fill me with love for you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May I take your yoke and abide in you. May I love you, worship you and serve you with all my heart, soul, mind and strength. I thank you that by these gifts of yours I am effectively armed for whatever comes my way this day!"*

Then ask for protection for family and others, as God leads, as well as your property, vehicles, animals, and sources of supply.

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Blood of the Lamb/Light of the Cross:

"I sign myself with the sign of the cross (do it)

I cover myself with the Blood of the Lamb (some motion to convey covering)

I surround myself with the Light of the Cross (circumscribe a circle around you)

And in the Name of Jesus Christ, nothing shall come through to hurt me."

Then put the Blood of the Lamb and the Light of the Cross on your loved ones (one-by-one), home, vehicles, place of work. Then on any special cases or needs – the sick, those traveling. Then on any you think the Lord has given your responsibility for – government officials, missionaries, schools, airplanes, athletes, soldiers, etc.

Strong Warfare Prayer:

When it seems as though you might be under attack, use this prayer in addition to one of the above.

"In the name of Jesus Christ crucified, died and risen, I bind all spirits of the air, the atmosphere, the water, the fire, the wind, the ground, the underground, and the nether world. I also bind the influence of any lost or fallen soul who may be present, and all emissaries of the satanic headquarters or any coven of witches or warlocks or Satan worshippers who may be present in some preternatural way. I claim the blood of Jesus on the air and atmosphere, the water, the fire, the wind, the ground and their fruits all around us, the underground and the nether world. Lord, I ask You to bless our enemies by sending your Holy Spirit to lead them to repentance.

In the name of Jesus Christ I forbid every adversary mentioned to communicate with or help one another in any way or to communicate with me, except as I permit.

In the name of Jesus Christ I seal this place and all present and all family and associates of those present and their places and possessions and sources of supply in the blood of Jesus

(Repeat this paragraph 3 times if you think someone has cursed you.)

In the name of Jesus Christ I forbid any lost spirits, covens, satanic groups or emissaries or any of their associates, subjects or superiors to harm or take revenge on me, my family, my associates, or cause harm or damage to anything we have.

In the name of Jesus Christ and by the merits of His precious blood, I break, decommission and dissolve every curse, hex, seal, spell, sorcery, bond, snare, trap, device, lie, stumbling block or obstacle, deception, diversion or distraction, spiritual chain or spiritual influence, every temptation, accusation or harassment, also every disease of body, soul, mind or spirit placed upon us, or on this place, or on any of the persons, places, and things mentioned, by any agent, or brought on us by our own mistakes or sins.

(Repeat this paragraph three times if under a curse.)

Amen."

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Christ As A Light (Prayer of St. Patrick):

(John Michael Talbot, from St. Patrick's Breastplate - 433 AD)

*Christ as a light
Illumine and guide me
Christ as a shield, overshadow me
Christ under me
Christ over me
Christ beside me
On my left and my right*

*This day be within and without me
Lowly and meek yet all-powerful
Be in the heart
Of each to whom I speak
And in the mouth of each
Who speaks unto me*

*This day be within and without me
Lowly and meek yet all-powerful
Christ as a light
Christ as a shield
Christ beside me
On my left and my right*