



## REVIVAL PRAYER PODCAST "Prayers for Protection"

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In the College of Prayer, we encourage everyone to start their time by praying three prayers (Protection, Direction, and Revelation). Today, I would like us to focus on why it is important to pray prayers of protection.

Prayers for protection are perhaps the most underappreciated and underutilized supernatural miracle that God desires believers to use. Protection prayers are proactive miracles (supernaturally keeping a believer from trouble), whereas prayers of healing are reactive miracles (supernaturally restoring after trouble). I would rather receive a proactive miracle from God *before* trouble. Perhaps you are the same? Let's courageously seek God for protection!

Throughout the Bible, leaders pray for protection.

- **Jacob** (Gen. 32:9-12)
- **Levites** (Numbers 6:24)
- **David and Psalmists** (Ps. 16, 18, 34, 46, 57, 61, 91, 121, 140, 145)
- **Elisha** (2 Kings 6:15-18)
- **Hezekiah** (2 Kings 19:14-19; Isaiah 37:14-20)
- **Nehemiah** (Neh. 4:4-9)
- **Jesus** (Matthew 6:13; John 17)
- **Disciples** (Acts 4:23-30)
- **Paul** (Romans 15:30-31; 2 Thess. 3:2-3; Philippians 4:4-7; Eph. 6:10-20)

One of the ways people in the Old Testament prayed for protection was when they would ask God to "keep" them. In the Levitical blessing, the Levites would pray for God's "keeping" (Numbers 6:24). In Psalm 121, in eight verses, the Psalmist uses the word "keep" 6x. The Lord is the "keeper" at all times and in every location. When Jesus led his disciples to pray, he led them to pray for protection from temptation and the Devil (Matt. 6:13). Jesus prayed to the Father, saying, "*Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.*" (Jn. 17:11)

### Names of God for Protection

- Shield (Gen. 15:1; Ps. 3:3; 33:20; 84:11)
- Strong Tower (Pr. 18:10)
- Stronghold (Psalm 9:9; 18:2; 59:17; 144:2; Nahum 1:7)
- Rock (Psalm 18:2; 31:2-3; 62:6)
- Fortress (Psalm 46:1; 91:2; 144:2)

- Lord of Host (1 Sam. 1:11; 1 Sam. 17:45; Psalm 46:7; Hosea 12:5)
- Mighty God (Psalm 24:8; Isaiah 9:6; Jeremiah 32:18)

### **Guidelines for Prayers of Protection**

**1) Pray regularly for protection.**

*"The Lord bless you and keep you." Numbers 6:24*

*"Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one." (Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4)*

**2) Pray in faith, not fear.**

*"I will say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust'... You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day, " Psalm 91:2,5*

**3) Pray for courage in the midst of danger.**

*"And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness." Acts 4:29*

**4) Pray for unity.**

*"Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one." John 17:11*

**5) Ask others to pray for protection.**

*"I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, <sup>31</sup> that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints." Romans 15:30–31*

**6) Pray the armor of God.**

*"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." Ephesians 6:10–11*

**7) Pray the names of God.**

*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe." Proverbs 18:10*

### **Effects of Prayers of Protection**

- 1) Live courageously without fear.
- 2) Live strongly without self-defense.
- 3) Live humbly without pride.
- 4) Live fruitfully without sin.
- 5) Live safely without harm.
- 6) Live unified without factions.
- 7) Live diligently without distractions.

### **What to pray for?**

Moral protection (Matt. 6:13; Luke 11:4)

Physical/financial protection (Ps. 46; 121)

Emotional protection (Phil. 4:4-7)

Relational protection (John 17)

*May God strengthen you to pray courageously for protection. May you ask others to pray for protection. May you lead others to utilize the supernatural power of God to protect you morally, physically, financially, emotionally, and relationally.*