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## Prayers of Protection

By Jordan Brown



When I think of prayers of protection, I think about the Book of Psalms. There are several psalms that are petitioning God for His divine protection that I have prayed for my home and my family. Some of my favorite verses are:

"I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8).

"My defense is of God, which saveth the upright in heart" (Psalm 7:10).

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee" (Psalm 9:10).

"But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD: he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the LORD shall help them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him" (Psalm 37:39-40).

"Blessed be the LORD my strength, which teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight: My goodness, and my fortress; my high tower, and my deliverer; my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me" (Psalm 144:1-2).

The Psalms mention many attributes of God which refer to His protection. He is called our DEFENSE, which means protector, shield, or to hedge about. He is called our STRENGTH, which means a fortified place, a rock, boulder, or refuge. He is called our FORTRESS, which means a tower or strong place. He is called a HIGH TOWER, which means a cliff or inaccessible place. I love the fact that the Lord is a high tower we can hide ourselves in and become inaccessible to the enemy.

These are wonderful verses and attributes of God we can pray for our children. God willingly offers His protection to those that follow Him and live a righteous life. All we have to do is ask!

Note: Jordan Brown is wife to Mark Brown, mother to three energetic children, pastor's wife at the Jesus Church in Watertown, South Dakota, and ladies president for the South Dakota district. She is a licensed minister with the United Pentecostal Church.

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## God's Protection

By Jane Fortaleza



"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble" (Psalm 46:1).

One thing our family would do every time we'd ride in our vehicles was to ask God to protect us as we went about in our daily business.

One day, after church, I drove all kids home and had lunch. Then Jessica, my twelve-year-old daughter, asked to pick up some things at the store for school.

As usual that day, we prayed for protection as my daughter and I left home. On our way, not far from our home, I saw that prayer answered in a very real way.

As I was about to turn right on a busy street, I pressed the brake but there was no resistance. Our vehicle sped up and our steering wheel becomes loose. Instead of turning right, our van passed straight across two busy lanes and hit a tree. Both airbags inflated and smoke came from somewhere. God must have cleared the way for us because no cars were coming in either direction. Had I turned right on a busy street, I might have collided with other cars. We could have ended up in the hospital, seriously injured others, or even caused a death. Kindhearted bystanders rushed to help us, and my husband came. Paramedics and police came and the lane was closed momentarily. I was so thankful that God had spared my daughter and me from a serious accident.

I had no idea of the danger that would confront us that day, but prayer works. God knew well in advance and protected us in our time of need. What peace there is in knowing that God is always looking after us. If He sees the dangers we are not aware of, then surely He also sees the ones that concern us, and He will help with those too.

Psalm 34:7 tells us that "the angel of the Lord encamps round about them that fear him, and delivereth them." This verse is a promise that brings rest and assurance to the hearts of God-fearing people. God notices the little sparrow's fall, and His Word assures us, "Ye are of more value than many sparrows" (Matthew 10:31).

My heart is full of thanksgiving that God's protection and mercy follow us each day. What a privilege it is to serve a God who looks after us each day and delivers us from unknown dangers. He watches over us each day and delivers us from harm and danger. Trust in His promise and remember to thank Him for the protection we may not always see.

Note: Jane Fortaleza is a pastor's wife and mother of three children. Her family lives in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where she served as a Ladies President in Central Canadian District. Her great passion is to serve and live for God.

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## Prayer Works

By Beth McFarland



A mother's prayer can change the outcome of any situation. Hannah prayed and a prophet was born. "For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my petition which I asked of Him" (I Samuel 1:27).

Never be discouraged if you feel you have prayed and prayed and it seems nothing is happening. God is faithful. His Word is sure. If we continue to call on His name on behalf of our children, we will reap the reward in due season. Begin to thank the Lord for the things that you want to happen in and with your children. Stand on the Word of God. Prayer is powerful. As you pray, believe that God is granting your petition.

It was a routine day. The sun was shining brightly. Our fifteen-year-old daughter, Amanda, finished her preparations for the school day ahead. I readied myself to pray with her and give her hugs before she caught the school van to the Anglican International School in Jerusalem. That day, like any other, I asked the Lord for her protection, to keep her mind sharp, and to keep her from any evil that might come near. She entered the elevator from the hallway of our third-floor apartment. In

moments, we watched from the window as she entered the bus and was on her way.

I ventured out to the balcony on this beautiful, ordinary day. My husband, Robert, was there watering plants and vegetables on our little balcony garden. We took a few moments to talk, enjoying the sunshine. Suddenly we heard a massive explosion. I said, "Oh no! That sound came from the center of Jerusalem where Amanda would be traveling to the school." We began to call on God for whomever or whatever had happened.

The phone rang and it was Amanda telling us that she was safe, but a suicide bomber had exploded himself right on HaNevim Street, very close to the school and exactly on the same route she had just traveled. We began to thank the Lord for His protection for our daughter. There are no words to express my thankfulness that we had prayed together every morning since she started school. We do not know the many times God had protected her at school, but on that day we had concrete proof. He hears the prayers of the righteous.

"For He shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways" (Psalm 91:11).

Note: Beth McFarland serves as a representative of the UPCI in Israel/Palestine. She is the wife of Robert, mother of Chris, Matt, and Amanda and grandmother of Anglina, Alayna, and Connor.



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Dear LPI, Just emailed to say that the newsletters are invaluable. Appreciate the Word.

Ruth Maetala, National Ladies President, Solomon Islands

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Debbie Akers

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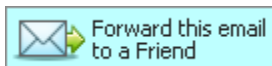
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