

TODAY'S MESSAGE, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Series: God's Answer To Every Need

"Protection For Your Life"

(Matthew 6:13)

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"This, then, is how you should pray:
'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.'"
(Matthew 6:9-13)

"Keep us safe from ourselves and the Devil..." (v. 13, MSG)

The Protection of God

The Evil One is _____

...so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are very familiar with his evil schemes. (2 Corinthians 2:11, NLT)

Matthew 4:1-11; 2 Cor. 11:14; Rev. 12:9, 13; Luke 10:18; Ezek. 28:12-15; Isa. 14:13-15; John 8:44

God is _____

But you belong to God... the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world. (1 John 4:4, NLT)

God is faithful. He will keep the temptation from becoming so strong that you can't stand up against it. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you will not give in to it. (1 Corinthians 10:13, NLT)

Principles of Protection

R _____ (2 Cor. 2:11; 1 John 4:4)

Be careful! Watch out for attacks from the Devil, your great enemy. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for some victim to devour. (1 Pet. 5:8, NLT)

R _____

Keep alert and pray. Otherwise temptation will overpower you. For though the spirit is willing, the body is weak. (Mark 14:38, NLT)

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies and tricks of the Devil. (Ephesians 6:11, NLT)

R _____ (Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 1:38, 46-47)

Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. (1 Peter 5:5-6, NIV)

R _____

Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power... (Ephesians 6:10, GNB)

R _____

Avoid every kind of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:22, NIV)

But you... belong to God; so run from all these evil things. (1 Tim. 6:11, NLT)

R _____

Give in to God then resist the devil and he will run away from you.
(James 4:7, TLB)

Resist him (the Devil), standing firm in the faith. (1 Peter 5:9, NIV)

...accept salvation from God to be your helmet and receive the word of God... to use as a sword. (Ephesians 6:17, JB)

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.
(Revelation 12:11)

My response to today's message

Information without application falls short of God's best for us. He wants us to apply what we learn so that we will change and grow, becoming more like Christ. The following questions are for personal and group study, with these goals in mind.

- 1)** Read and pray Matthew 6:9-13, focusing on *The Protection of God*—“deliver us from the evil one.” (v. 13)
- 2)** How would you define or illustrate the word “evil” to someone who had never heard it before?
- 3)** How do you think this petition is related to the one we studied last week “And lead us not into temptation” (v. 13)?
- 4)** Why is it dangerous to either disbelieve or obsess about Satan? What negative effects have you seen from these two errors of extreme?
- 5)** Review how the Evil One is the Devil and how God is our Deliverer. If the opposite errors of ignoring and fearing Satan are both dangerous, what is the appropriate attitude of the believer toward Satan? (see 2 Thess. 3:3)
- 6)** What promises do believers have from God as they face the Evil One? (see 1 John 4:4; 1 Cor. 10:13)
- 7)** Read, review and apply The Principles of Protection. Take time to discuss and pray through the practical implications of each principle for your personal life and the corporate life of your church.
- 8)** How has your study of The Protection of God changed the way you think and pray v. 13 of The Lord's Prayer?

Pray with and for one another in your small group, focusing on how you can implement “Prayer—Care—Share” this week. Who is your One? Pray that we will strive and thrive to know Christ and make Him known.

What is the main thing that God has impressed upon you today?

What are you going to do about it?

Remember: *The smallest obedient act is better than the greatest intention.*

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Know Christ (Philippians 3:10) & Make Him Known (Acts 1:8)

**A Great Commitment to
The Great Commandment (Matt. 22:35-40) &
The Great Commission (Matt. 28:16-20)**

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**Who is your One?
whosyourone.com**

Primary resources: *The Prayer of Jesus*, Ken Hemphill. *Praying the Lord's Prayer for Spiritual Breakthrough*, Elmer L. Towns. *The Great House of God*, Max Lucado. *The Encouraging Word*, Rick Warren. Matthew Commentaries by D.A. Carson, John MacArthur, John Stott, Warren Wiersbe. *The Lord's Prayer*, Philip Keller. *Praying Jesus' Way*, B.J. Dodd. *When You Pray*, P.G. Ryken. *The Prayer That God Answers*, Michael Youseff.

For Further Study and Application:

The Ezra Project by Dr. John Bechtle (ezraproject.com)
<https://ezraproject.com/notes-on-ephesians-6/>
<https://ezraproject.com/pale-the-great-wrestling-match/>

The Bondage Breaker, Dr. Neil Anderson (Harvest House, 1990)
Living Free in Christ, Dr. Neil Anderson (Regal Books, 1993)
We Will Not Be Silenced, Dr. Erwin Lutzer (Harvest House, 2020)
The Fight, John White (InterVarsity, 1976)

SPIRITUAL WARFARE PRAYER

Good morning, Lord. Thank you for assuring me of victory today if I will but follow Your battle plan. So by faith I claim victory over _____.
(I normally list some things I know I will be faced with that day).

To prepare myself for the battle ahead, by faith I put on the belt of truth. The truth about You, Lord—that You are a sovereign God who knows everything about me, both my strengths and my weaknesses. Lord, You know my breaking point and have promised not to allow me to be tempted beyond what I am able to bear. The truth about me, Lord is that I am a new creature in Christ and have been set free from the power of sin. I am indwelt with the Holy Spirit who will guide me and warn me when danger is near. I am Your child, and nothing can separate me from Your love. The truth is that You have a purpose for me this day—someone to encourage, someone to share with, someone to love.

Next, Lord, I want to, by faith, put on the breastplate of righteousness. Through this I guard my heart and my emotions. I will not allow my heart to attach itself to anything that is impure. I will not allow my emotions to rule in my decisions. I will set them on what is right and good and just. I will live today by what is true, not by what I feel.

Lord, this morning I put on the sandals of peace. I am available to You, Lord. Send me where You will. Guide me to those who need encouragement or physical help of some kind. Use me to solve conflicts wherever they may arise. Make me a calming presence in every circumstance in which You place me. I will not be hurried or rushed, for my schedule is in Your hands. I will not leave a trail of tension and apprehension. I will leave tracks of peace and stability everywhere I go.

I now take up the shield of faith. My faith is in You and You alone. Apart from You, I can do nothing. With you, I can do all things. No temptation that comes my way can penetrate Your protecting hand. I will not be afraid, for You are going with me throughout this day. When I am tempted, I will claim my victory out loud ahead of time, for You have promised victory to those who walk in obedience to Your Word. So by faith I claim victory even now because I know there are fiery darts headed my way even as I pray. Lord, You already know what they are and have already provided the way of escape.

Lord, by faith I am putting on the helmet of salvation. You know how Satan bombards my mind day and night with evil thoughts, doubt and fear. I put on this helmet that will protect my mind. I may feel the impact of his attacks, but nothing can penetrate this helmet. I choose to stop every impure and negative thought at the door of my mind. And with the helmet of salvation those thoughts will get no further. I elect to take every thought captive; I will dwell on nothing but what is good and right and pleasing to You.

Last, I take up the sword of the Spirit, which is Your Word. Thank You for the precious gift of Your Word. It is strong and powerful and able to defeat even the strongest of Satan's onslaughts. Your Word says that I am not under obligation to the flesh to obey its lusts. Your Word says that I am free from the power of sin. Your Word says that He that is in me is greater than he that is in the world. So by faith I take up the strong and powerful sword of the Spirit, which is able to defend me in time of attack, comfort me in time of sorrow, teach me in time of meditation, and prevail against the power of the enemy on behalf of others who need the truth to set them free.

So, Lord, I go now rejoicing that You have chosen me to represent You to the lost and dying world. May others see Jesus in me and may Satan and his hosts shudder as Your power is made manifest in me.

In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.