



Jesus Christ, our All in all
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Jesus Christ, our Protector

'If God is for us, who can be against us' Romans 8:31

God protects His children in all circumstances

- † The Bible is filled with God's protection in word and in deed
- † *'Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand' Is 41:10*
- † Haman made a full plot to kill Mordecai. But God's plan prevailed and Mordecai was promoted **(Est 6)**
 - Sometimes God seems silent but He is not
 - When the fullness of time comes He reveals His actions
- † *'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, nor shall the flame scorch you' Is 43:2*

'I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it' Rev 3:8a

- † The Lord Jesus Christ continues in the above verse to say, *'for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name' Rev 3:8b*
- † The Lord freed Peter from the prison; He sent an angel and opened the doors and all the guards could not see Peter leave in front of their eyes **(Acts 12:5-17)**

What are the times when the Lord is with me?

- † Christ did not leave His apostles nor will He leave us
 - He appeared to them and spent time with them after His resurrection
 - His miracles were to strengthen their faith

- He sent them the Holy Spirit after His ascension, the Counsellor and Comforter Who is also with us
- † Matthew ends his gospel with the words of Jesus Christ, *'I am with you always, even to the end of the age.'* Amen' Mt 28 20b
- † *'Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have spoken to you'* Gen 28:15

The Lord is with us in every detail, in good times and in difficult times

- † Gideon asked, *'O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house'* Jgs 6:15
- † The Lord answers, *'But I will be with you, and you shall strike the Midianites as one man'* Jgs 6:16

Christ has overcome the world

- † *'be of good cheer, I have overcome the world'* Jn 16:33b
- † Through Him, in Him and with Him, we have overcome the world. *'For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. Who is he who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?'* 1 Jn 5:4-5
- † The Lord tamed the hungry lions and they sat gently next to Daniel and did not touch him

'If Christ is with me, whom shall I fear?'

- † *'The waters have risen and severe storms are upon us, but we do not fear drowning, for we stand firmly upon a rock. Let the sea rage, it cannot break the rock. Let the waves rise, they cannot sink the boat of Jesus'*
- † *What are we to fear?*
 - *Death? Life to me means Christ, and death is gain*
 - *Exile? 'The earth and its fullness belong to the Lord [see Psalm 24]*
 - *The confiscation of goods? We brought nothing into this world, and we shall surely take nothing from it' Saint John Chrysostom*
- † What can we add to Saint John Chrysostom? What are we to fear?
 - The financial situation? Our Lord will provide our daily needs. We are worth more than sparrows (*Mt 10:31*)
 - Sickness? In my weakness, His strength is revealed (*2 Cor 12:9-10*)
 - Explosions? If I walk through the valley of death, He is with me (*Ps 23:4*)

Bibliography

Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'God is our refuge and strength, therefore we will not fear' Psalm 46:1a,2a

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

† Christ is my refuge and strength

My reaction

† Am I ready to cast all my worries in Him, trusting Him?

† Am I being still knowing that He is my Lord and I am His beloved?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick, namely Marie
10. to all those in prison
11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, the region, and the whole world

During this coming week, we will the Christians and their unity in prayer

قانون الايمان

نؤمن بإله واحد، الأب ضابط ال كل
خالق السماء والأرض، كل ما يرى وما لا يرى
وبرب واحد يسوع المسيح، ابن الله الوحيد
المولود من الأب قبل كل الدهور
نور من نور، إله حق من إله حق، مولود غير مخلوق
له الجوهر نفسه مع الأب
الذي به كان شيء
ذاك الذي من أجلنا نحن البشر
ومن أجل خلاصنا، نزل من السموات
وتجسد متأنساً، بالروح القدس من مريم العذراء
وصلب عنا في عهد بيلاطس بنطيطوس
وتألم وقبر وقام في اليوم الثالث
كما في الكتب
وصعد إلى السموات
وجلس عن يمين الأب ويجيء بمجد
ليدين الأحياء والأموات
ولن يكون لملكه نهاية
وبالروح القدس
الرب المحيي
المنبثق من الأب
المسجود له والمجد
مع الأب والإبن
الناطق بالأنبياء
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وننتظر قيامة الموتى
وحياة الدهر الآتي
أمين

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الذي في السموات
ليتقدس اسمك
ليأت ملكوتك
ليتك مشيئتك
كما في السماء
كذلك على الأرض
خيرنا الضروري للحياة
أعطنا اليوم
واغفر لنا ذنوبنا
كما تغفر نحن أيضاً
للمذنبين إلينا
ولا ندخلنا في تجربة
لكن نجنا من الشرير
لأن لك الملك والقدرة والمجد
إلى الأبد
أمين