

enemy's plans that want to devour my life, the accusations that want to destroy my character and the failures that want me to give up.

Strengthen me against these things and make me attentive to your guidance as it arises in my consciousness.

Direct my paths away from evil and into righteousness that I may please you in thought, in word and in deed for your praise and glory.

Receive this prayer for it is offered through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Reading

Come to him, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God's sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame." To you therefore who believe,

he is precious, but for those who do not believe, "The very stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner," and "A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall"; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

1 Peter 2:4-9 RSV

Prayer Of Engagement

I turn to you, living God, to be fit into that spiritual house that you are building. Let me engage in the activities of your holy priesthood that offers spiritual sacrifices acceptable to you through Jesus Christ as I go about my daily life. Do not let shame fall upon my life for my faith is in your chosen and precious cornerstone, even Jesus Christ the Lord. Be at work in my life that I may choose to obey your word as it is presented to my mind. Guard me against stumbling in the walk with you to which you have called me and let me not fall away from what you have called me to do this day.

Receive this prayer in the saving Name of Jesus. Amen.



Renew Your Protection



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Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that in due time he may exalt you.

1 Peter 5:6 RSV



Order Of Worship

Scripture Sentences

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9 RSV

He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Revelation 22:20 RSV

Prayer of Approach

O God, who have made it possible for me to enter into your presence this day, cause me to rejoice in your salvation. Make me to know your peace. Satisfy me with good things and let me praise your most holy and precious Name. Through the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, receive this prayer. Amen.

Prayer of Forgiveness

In the Name of Jesus, eternal God, I do now forgive all those who have hurt me in the past, including those whom you now bring before my mind at this time *{during the time of silence name those who enter your thoughts}*. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

You have said in your Word, O God that "if we confess our sins, [you are] faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." You know the sins that I have committed in spirit, in soul and in body. Bring them before me now that I may be set free from their hold upon my life: *{during this time of silence say the following prayer concerning what enters your mind}* - "You have brought before me (describe what is in your mind) and it is true that I have sinned in this matter. Forgive me and cleanse me of what I have done."} Let the precious blood of Jesus Christ remove from me these things and purify me in spirit, in soul and in body for the renewal of my protection throughout this day. Let me now be open to all that you would have me to do in your presence this day. Receive this prayer in the saving Name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer for Protection

You know my need for your divine protection this day, ever-present God. Hear me as I ask for your shielding this day provided in the armour for spiritual warfare.

In the Name of Jesus, I put on the girdle of truth. In the Name of Jesus, I put on the breastplate of righteousness. In the Name of Jesus, I put on the equipment of the gospel of peace for my feet. In the Name of Jesus I take the shield of faith. In the Name of Jesus, I take and put on the helmet of salvation. In the Name of Jesus, I take the sword of the Spirit.

You are the God who saves. Grant me your salvation this day in the midst of the traps laid for my soul, the arrows released in my direction, the battle plans laid for my destruction, the destructive thoughts meant to cause me harm, the ridicule that is intended to divert my attention away from you, the doubt that is intended to rob me of my faith, the hatred that wants to poison my soul, the sin that wants to take me down into death, the misguided thoughts that want to waste my time, the