

Family Worship

The Protection of the Lord

- Take turns reading the quotations from the Lord's Word.
- When might we want to remember that the Lord is always with us, protecting us?
- What are ways we can feel closer to the Lord when we are sad or frightened? (Pray to the Lord, read the Word, recite a favorite part of the Word from memory.)
- Talk about a story in the Word that illustrates the Lord's power to protect us.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield.
For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.
Let Your mercy, O Lord, be upon us, just as we hope in You (Psalm 33:20-22).

Let all those rejoice who put their trust in You;
Let them ever shout for joy, because You defend them;
Let those also who love Your name be joyful in You.
For You, O Lord, will bless the righteous;
With favor You will surround him as with a shield (Psalm 5:11-12).

It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man.
It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in princes (Psalm 118: 8-9).

O Lord my God, in You I put my trust;
Save me from all those who persecute me (Psalm 7:1-2).

"Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid" (John 14:27).

When the Lord is with someone, He leads them and makes provision so that all that happens, whether sad or joyful, may bring them what is good (see *Arcana Coelestia* 6303).

People who are strong in truths are kept safe from harm wherever they go, even if they are in the midst of hell (see *Arcana Coelestia* 6769).

The Lord cannot protect a person unless they acknowledge the Divine and live a life of faith and charity; for otherwise a person turns themselves away from the Lord (see *Heaven and Hell* 577:3).

Nothing at all could harm people whom the Lord is protecting, not even if the whole of hell were surrounding them, both from without and from within (*Arcana Coelestia* 968).

Peace holds within itself trust in the Lord, the trust that He governs all things and provides all things, and that He leads toward an end that is good (*Arcana Coelestia* 8455:1).