

Make an “Invisible” Shield

*Let those...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)*



Write favorite quotations from the Word on a piece of clear plastic to illustrate the protective quality of truth.

Suggested Materials

piece of clear plastic or plexiglass for each shield
permanent color markers (for writing on the plastic)
quotations from the Word (see quotations given below or find your own)

Procedure

1. Select quotations from the Word for your shield.
2. Use fine point permanent colored markers to write the quotes on the clear plastic shield.
3. Display the shield to help you remember that the Lord is protecting you.

Possible Quotations About the Lord’s Protection

If the Lord did not protect a person moment by moment, and in every shortest instant, he would immediately perish (*Arcana Coelestia* 59:2).

People who are strong in truths are kept safe from harm wherever they go (see *Arcana Coelestia* 6769).

The Lord by means of Divine truth protects His own, for He surrounds them with a sphere of light (see *Apocalypse Explained* 395:2).

Good and its affection do not protect themselves, but are protected by truth and the understanding of it (see *Apocalypse Explained* 1121).

The Lord protects against all evils and falsities that are from the hells (*Arcana Coelestia* 8273).

The Lord protects those who are in the good of charity (*Arcana Coelestia* 2379).

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).

The Lord cannot protect a person unless he acknowledges the Divine and lives a life of faith and charity; for otherwise a person turns himself away from the Lord (see *Heaven and Hell* 577:3).

Every one is under the protection of the Lord, so far as he abstains from doing evil... (*Apocalypse Explained* 643:2).

Those who trust in the Lord are constantly receiving good from Him (*Arcana Coelestia* 8480:1).