

# THE DISCIPLES' PRAYER:

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*“deliver us from evil and from the evil one” - Matthew 6:13*

**Do not be discouraged if there are enemies in your life.  
The purpose of an enemy is to teach you warfare:**

*<sup>1</sup>These are the nations the LORD left to test all those Israelites who had not experienced any of the wars in Canaan <sup>2</sup>(he did this only to teach warfare to the descendants of the Israelites who had not had previous battle experience)” – Judges 3:1-2*

## THE LORD IS MY DEFENCE

### **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT ME FROM EVIL**

- And Jabez made a prayer to the God of Israel, saying, If only you would truly give me a blessing, and make wider the limits of my land, and let your hand be with me, and keep me from evil, so that I may not be troubled by it! And God gave him his desire. 1 Chron. 4:10 BBE
- <sup>6</sup>This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. <sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. ... <sup>17</sup> The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles ... <sup>19</sup> A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all – Psalm 34:6-19

### **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT ME FROM EVIL MEN**

- Psa 27:1 Of David. The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? Psa 27:2 When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall. Psa 27:3 Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.



## **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT ME FROM SLANDER**

- Psa 31:19 How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. Psa 31:20 In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

## **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT ME FROM EVIL & THE DEVIL**

- The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen - 2 Timothy 4:18

## **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO DELIVER ME FROM FEAR**

- I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. – Psalm 34:4
- When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can mortal man do to me? – Psalm 56:3-4
- Isa 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isa 41:11 "All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish. Isa 41:12 Though you search for your enemies, you will not find them. Those who wage war against you will be as nothing at all. Isa 41:13 For I am the LORD, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you.

## **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT ME WHILE I SLEEP**

- I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. – Psalm 3:5
- I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety. – Psalm 4:8

## **THE LORD HAS PROMISED TO PROTECT MY JOURNEYS**

- Psa 121:7 The LORD will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; Psa 121:8 the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

# **THIS IS MY OFFENSIVE STRATEGY:**

## **IN CHRIST ALONE - I HAVE POWER OVER THE ENEMY**

- Children, you belong to God, and you have defeated these enemies. God's Spirit is in you and is more powerful than the one that is in the world. - 1 John 4:4 CEV
- Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you. – James 4:7
- He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven." – Luke 10:18-20

## **AS I PRAY, THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR ME, AND THE ANGEL OF THE LORD WILL DRIVE MY ENEMIES AWAY AND PURSUE THEM**

- Contend, O LORD, with those who contend with me; fight against those who fight against me ...arise and come to my aid ... against those who pursue me. Say to my soul, "I am your salvation." May those who seek my life be disgraced and put to shame; may those who plot my ruin be turned back in dismay. May they be like chaff before the wind, with the angel of the LORD driving them away; may their path be dark and slippery, with the angel of the LORD pursuing them. – Psalm 35:1-6
- Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still." – Exodus 14:13-14

## **ALSO STUDY & MEDITATE ON:**

- PSALM 18
- PSALM 23
- PSALM 91
- PSALM 121

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