

“GOD IS OUR GUARDIAN” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our *Guardian*. He is the One Who protects us from harm or danger, keeping watch over us and keeping us secure.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Philippians 4:6-7 “Do not be anxious about anything, but in *every situation*, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will *guard* your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Our encouragement from these verses is that our Heavenly Father is our *Guardian*, watching over us and those we love in all our situations. We must remember that even in times when our situations may seem hopeless, God’s goodness and *guardianship* over our lives and hearts is still there. The writer understood this fully, for it was written by the apostle Paul while he was in prison, beaten and waiting for what was to become of him. As he sat there, he wanted to remind the believers in the Church of Philippi (and now us today) that when these times come, we all must make a choice whether to believe in God’s *guardianship* over our situations or not. He reminds us at the very beginning of these verses that we must choose to not be anxious about anything in these times. This is a choice we have to make each morning as we wake up and look at the day before us and all its earthly realities. Anxiousness is a tool of the enemy that he will use to try to get our focus off of Who God is and what He can do for us and instead on to our present circumstances in this world that we live in momentarily. Satan would love for us to be anxious because it robs us of God’s peace that *guards* our hearts and minds in these times, the kind that gives us power to make it through these situations with Him. Anxiousness is being full of worldly care instead of being full of the power and presence of God and faith in His ability to *guard* us in all our cares and His ability to handle them. Let us pray we will keep our eyes on the One Who is capable and able to *guard* and protect us in every situation as we face the days ahead of us. Let us pray that we will look to Him and lay our cases before His throne in full trust of Who He is and what He is able to do for us. Let us pray, stating our needs, but doing it with thankfulness in our hearts for all He has already done, especially eternally through His Son, Jesus. Let us pray that as we do this, God will give us *His peace*, the kind that passes the understanding of those who have never experienced it and the kind that *guards* our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus as we walk this life's journey with Him. Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our “*Guardian*”. Lord, please help me and...

(names of those you are praying for)

not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, with thanksgiving, presenting our request to You. And may Your peace, the kind that transcends all understanding, *guard* our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus Your Son. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Thank-you for loving us with an everlasting love and may it all be for the glory of Your name. In Your loving Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen."