

“GOD IS OUR SHIELD” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

Our prayer this week focuses on God Who is our "*Shield*". He is the One Who is our means of defense and protection.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: Psalm 3:3 "But You, O Lord, are a *Shield* for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head."

Our encouragement from this verse is that whatever we face, or whatever we have done, our Lord is the "*Shield*" and the *lifter of our head*. We know this because this very passage was written by one who experienced this firsthand. King David, the second king of Israel, had to run for his life when his own son, Absalom, tried to take over his kingdom. As he wrote this Psalm, he was fleeing from his son, deserted by his subjects, ridiculed by his people and pursued by all those he once called family and friends. Even in this great disappointment, he leaned in to the One Who was forever faithful to him. He knew that His relationship with God was something that could not be taken away, for he knew that God was His ultimate "*Shield*", Defender and the *Lifter of his head*, no matter what man tried to do to him. His confidence was *in God alone*, the same One Who *shielded* him from Goliath when he was just a shepherd boy. The same One Who *shielded* him from King Saul who tried to murder him for years. The same One Who *forgave* him for his sins with Bathsheba and the shameful sin of having her husband Uriah killed. The same One Who gave him his kingdom back from his rebellious son, Absalom, defending him and protecting him during that time. This same Heavenly Father who did all of this for David also wants to do this for us. He wants to be our "*Shield*", Defender and the Lifter of our heads. He wants to protect, defend and shield us as the enemy attacks and tries to destroy us in areas of our lives. He wants to lift our heads when the enemy wants to shame us, and He wants to defend us so we may see His glory, His power, His provision and His protection as we walk those journeys with Him. Let us pray that just as David did, we will recognize that no matter what we have done or where we have come from or what we are going through, God truly loves us, cares for us, and is our *Shield* and the Lifter of our heads. Let us pray that even as we walk through circumstances that seem impossible or intimidating, just as David did, we look to God to be our *Shield*, trusting in His Holy presence and provision to help us all along the way. Let us pray that we and our loved ones will rest in Him and know that He is already defending us and protecting us in each situation and we will give Him the glory all along the way. Let us pray...

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our *Shield*. We ask that You be the *Shield* around me and...

(names of those you are praying for)

O Lord; and please bestow Your glory on us and lift up our heads. Lord, we believe You desire to do this for us for it is in Your Word. 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.".