

SPIRITUAL PROTECTION OF CHRISTIAN HOMES

I) GOD PROMISES PROTECTION FOR OUR HOMES.

- Psalm 91 promises protection, honor and provision for our homes.
- Our homes can be an open heaven.
- These promises are appropriated according to our faith.

II) HOW DO WE MAKE OUR HOMES A DWELLING PLACE FOR GOD?

- We need to dedicate/consecrate our homes to the Lord and make it a place He likes to dwell.
- Dedicating our homes to God is a biblical practice. (Deut. 20:5)
Who can dedicate a house? Head of the household
- Biblical concept of dedication/consecration has three parts. They are: 1) set apart or made holy, sanctified; 2) present to, offer or invite; and, 3) kept acceptable for God's presence.
- The Bible does not specific provide guidelines for dedicating a home. (Rom. 12:6)
... according to the grace given to us, *each of us is to exercise them accordingly:*
...according to the proportion of his (our) faith;

1. SETTING APART (SANCTIFICATION)

1A) Remove idols & Idol offerings (1Cor. 10:14-22)

- Idols can be literal or anything that occupies a place in our heart above God.
- Go from room to room and ask the Holy Spirit to show if there are any defiled objects such as:
 - o Dedicated art works from temples
 - o Religious implements (masks, drums, cups...)
 - o Books on occults, witchcraft Ojai board, Tarot cards
 - o Pornographic books, magazines, art
 - o Dark music

(See House Cleansing Prayer)

- Parents need to show respect to grown up children by not removing their “idols” without their free will agreement. Spiritually it does no good to remove idols without permission.
- Once idols have been identified; that which can be burned should be burned; that which can be melted should be melted. (1King 15:13; Num. 31:23)

1B) Identify demonic entry points through sins (Eph. 4:25-32)

- In verse 26, the word “opportunity” (Gk. topos: place, space marked off, inhabited place, opportunity, occasion), suggests anger can be an “entry or a space” for the evil one to come in.
- Whatever areas of sin we are struggling with are also possible demonic entry points for our children.
- Possible Sins: fear, anger; greed, unclean words; bitterness, slander, hatred, pornography, lying ...
- Once a sin has been identified by the Holy Spirit, it needs to be confessed, repented and renounced. (Closing of Sin Doors Prayer)

1C) Anoint Doors & Windows (Exo. 12:22-23)

- (See Protection over Windows & Doors Prayer)
- Mezuzah (Deut. 6:9; 11:20)



1D) Prayer Walk (Gen. 13:17; Joshua 6:3-7)

2) INVITE THE LORD TO DWELL

- Pray or recite the Sample Prayer of Dedication based on Psa. 91.

3) MAINTAINING THE LORD'S PRESENCE

3A) Establish a home altar

- Daily Communion Covenant of the Blood (1Cor. 10:21) (affirmative form)
The word "cannot" (Gk. dynamai: not able, not having the resources; not lawful; not strong and powerful enough)
- Family worship, prayer, devotion and Bible study

3B) Daily prayer over the family for the Armor of God

- See Prayer for the Armor of God (Eph. 6:11-17)

3C) Invite the Angels of God

- Angels are real. They are referenced 278 times in the Bible.
- Angels are protective and ministering spirits from God. (Psa. 91:11-12; Heb. 1:14)
Especially for our children (Matt 18:10)
- Angels need to be assigned.
- Angels will work only as hard as we pray. (Daniel 10:2-3; 12-14)

3D) Shifting the spiritual atmosphere

- Unity, peace & harmony between the spouses (Matt. 18:19-20; 1Peter 3:7b) creates an atmosphere of safety and security for our children.
This is the number one thing parents can do to make their children feel safe.

- Use Anointed Worship Music (Psa. 22:3)

- We exude a spiritual fragrance (2Cor. 2:15)
 - The spiritual disposition of the household authority can dominate the whole house.

- Operate in the opposite spirit (Prov. 15:1A)
 - Do not emphasize the bad & negative; emphasize the good & positive to change children. Examples:
 - Fearful children: "God wants to make you a warrior."
 - Timid children: "The Lord blesses you to be the head and not the tail."
 - Aggressive children: "The Lord sees you as a peacemaker."
 - Older kids into pornography: "The Lord made your eyes to behold his beauty."
Older kids caught up in sin: "The Lord desires to make you an oak of righteousness."

3E) Praying for Children with Night Terror

(See Prayer for Night Time Blessings)

Sample Prayers

The following prayers can be customized according to how the Lord inspires you. You can also use them directly as written.

House Cleansing Prayer

Head of Family (father or mother; or, husband & wife in Agreement)

Children are encouraged to participate if they are saved and willing to forego any idols.

Parents may need to explain to younger children what idols are.

Go from room to room and ask the Holy Spirit to identify any unclean/defiled objects and or idols.

Holy Spirit,

We thank You for being the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. You are also the one who gives the gift of discernment of spirits. We invite You to release this gift over us. We desire to cleanse our home so it is a suitable habitation for the presence of the Lord. Would You show us if there are any unclean or defiled objects and idols in this room that are offensive to God?

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Wait on the Holy Spirit

Discern any objects highlighted by the Holy Spirit.

Remove burn or melt the objects at a suitable place.

Closing Sin Doors Prayer

Head of Family

Holy Spirit,

Thank You for indwelling me. You are the Spirit that convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (John 16:8). I now ask You to illuminate me for any sins that the enemy maybe using to enter my home.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Wait for the Holy Spirit's response. If sins have been highlighted, continue with the following prayer.

Father God,

I acknowledge that I have _____ (name the sin, for example fear). Your word says that _____ (fear) is the sin of not trusting You. I confess that I have sinned against You. I now ask You to forgive and cleanse me of my unrighteousness according to 1John 1:9.

Holy Spirit,

You are the power of resurrection that raised Christ from the grave which now indwells me. I repent of the sin of _____ (name the sin; example fear). I ask Your help to overcome. I also ask You to release into me the greater faith and belief in the power and goodness of Father God.

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for Your name, the power of Your Cross and Your Blood. In Your name I now renounce any and all powers of the enemy that had entered my household through my sin of _____ (name the sin; example fear). I break all relationships with the power of _____ (name the sin; example fear). I rebuke you. I place the Cross of Jesus between you and my family. I close all entry ways and seal them with the Blood of Christ. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Protection over Windows & Doors Prayer

Head of Family (father or mother; or, husband & wife in agreement)

Go from windows to windows and doors to doors and pray.

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the promise of Your angels in protecting our home as shown in Psalm 91. In Jesus name, would You now send Your angels and station them at this _____ (window, door); with shields lifted, swords drawn; ever vigilant in protecting us from the wiles and schemes of the enemy.

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for the power of Your Cross and Your blood to cleanse and protect. We (I) now apply Your Cross and Blood to seal off any works of the enemy.

(Use anointing oil and anoint the windows (doors) by marking them with a Cross.)
In Your name we (I) pray.

Prayer of Dedication of Home (Using Psalm 91)

Head of Family (father or mother; or, husband & wife in agreement)

Children are encouraged to participate.

Recite or pray God's truths over your household

Be creative: you can have different member recite over different parts

We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High
Will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
We say to the LORD, "You are our refuge and our fortress,
Our God, in whom we trust!"
³ For it is You who delivers us from the snare of the trapper
And from the deadly pestilence.
You will cover us with Your pinions,
And under Your wings we may seek refuge;
Your faithfulness is a shield and bulwark.
We will not be afraid of the terror by night,
Or of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
Or of the destruction that lays waste at noon.
A thousand may fall at our side
And ten thousand at our right hand,
But it shall not approach us.
We will only look on with our eyes
And see the recompense of the wicked.
For we have made the LORD, our refuge,
Even the Most High, our dwelling place.
No evil will befall us,
Nor will any plague come near our tent.
For You will give Your angels charge concerning us,
To guard us in all our ways.

They will bear us up in their hands,
That we do not strike our foot against a stone.
We will tread upon the lion and cobra,
The young lion and the serpent we will trample down.
“Because we have loved You, therefore You will deliver us;
You will set us *securely* on high, because we have known Your name.
“We will call upon You, and You will answer us;
You will be with us in trouble;
You will rescue us and honor us.
“With a long life You will satisfy us
And let us see Your salvation.”
In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayer for the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-17)

Head of Family prays A daily prayer for the whole family

Heavenly Father,
You said that we need to put on Your full armor to resist the evil one. For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, the powers, the world forces of darkness, and the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

I come before You on behave of _____(names of the other family members) and myself for Your armor. Gird our loins with Your truth. Put on us the Your breastplate of righteousness. Shod our feet with the sandal of preparation of the gospel of peace. Lift up the shield of faith over us so we are able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. Place on our heads the helmet of salvation, and put into our hands the sword of the Spirit, which is the Your word. With Your armor we can be strong and will be able to stand firm against the wiles and schemes of the evil one.
In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Night Time Blessings (For children who are afraid)

Parents gently lay hand over the child and pray with a calm and faith-filled voice. You can pray before or while the child is asleep. Even in sleep, the child's spirit is aware and can receive the prayer. This prayer is also an example of operating in the opposite spirit.

Lord Jesus,

Thank You that You love _____ (child's name) with an everlasting love. You are always watching over _____ (child's name); for You never sleep nor slumber. You have promised never to leave or forsake (her/him). Would You now calm _____ (child's name) heart and tuck (her/him) safely under the blankets of Your sweet love and care? Thank You that You will be here all night long. Place Your guardian angels (Matt 18:10) around the four corners of this room to safe guard (her/him). Station Your worship angels around _____ (child's name). Would You now sing over _____ (child's name) a song to lead (him/her) into sound sweet sleep?

Jesus, as _____ (child's name) sleeps; would You release dreams and visions of angels, heaven and Your loving and kind face over (her/him). Let _____ (child's name) see the beauty, wonder, glory and majesty of Your heavenly realm. Let _____ (child's name) hear the sound of heavenly worship; the deep calling to the deep; the sound of many waters. Let _____ (child's name) feel Your gentle and powerful embrace throughout the night. Let _____ (child's name) be caught up into Your very presence. In Your name we pray. Amen.