

Family Page



This week say the following family prayer service to ask God to help those who take care of you in your daily life — and to thank God for their protection.

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: Let us be thankful for God's constant care.

All: *Heavenly Father, we thank you.*

Leader: Let us ask God to help those who are here to protect us from harm.

All: *Heavenly Father, come to their aid.*

GOSPEL READING

Leader: "I pray for them. I do not pray for the world but for the ones you have given me, because they are yours....And now I will no longer be in the world, but they are in the world, while I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are. When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me, and I guarded them, and none of them was lost except the son of destruction, in order that the scripture might be fulfilled. I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one" (John 17:9, 11-12, 15).

All: *Amen*

INTERCESSIONS

Leader: For parents, teachers, police, and all who care for our little ones;

All: *Father, help them in Jesus' holy name.*

Leader: For all who suffer from tornadoes, earthquakes, floods, and disasters;

All: *Father, comfort them in Jesus' holy name.*

Leader: For those who have no one to care for them,

All: *Father, protect them in Jesus' holy name.*

PRAYER

Leader: Thank you, Father, for your loving care. Thank you for all those who watch over us and keep us safe. Lead them in their work and guide them in their lives. Help us to remember your Son's promise when we are frightened or worried — and to feel your presence always near. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who keeps us safe.

All: *Amen*



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God is Watching Over You!

Sometimes bad things happen, scary things frighten you, sad things make you cry, or awful things make you mad. And sometimes you may wonder, "Where is God? Why did he let these things happen?"

God knows about bad things. He knows how sad you feel sometimes, how scared you are sometimes, how mad things make you sometimes. That's why God sent Jesus to say that no matter what happens, no matter how bad things seem, the Father is always with you.

In this week's gospel story, Jesus tells the people about bad things that can happen. He says earthquakes will come, and wars and hunger, and sickness and pain. He promises to watch over you.

When bad things happen, trust God always and don't be afraid!



Promise Wheel

If you read every other letter going around the wheel, you will find Jesus' promise to you today.

A circular "Promise Wheel" with a yellow center and a pink outer ring. The letters around the ring are G, A, O, D, S, I, N, S, E, A, L, R, W, G, A. The center of the wheel has four horizontal dashed lines for writing.