

Orthodox Prayers and Readings of Protection for Safeguarding Sunday, 13th October

FOR CHILDREN (from <http://www.orthodoxmotherhood.com/prayers-to-pray-for-your-children/>)

A Prayer of Parents for Their Children

“O God, our heavenly Father, who loves mankind
and are most merciful and compassionate,
have mercy on your servants (insert children's names),
for whom I humbly pray and commend to your gracious care
and protection.
Be you, O God, their guide and guardian in all their
endeavors,
lead them in the path of truth,
and draw them nearer to you, that they might live a godly
and righteous life in love and fear,
doing your will in all things.
Give them grace that they may be temperate, industrious,
diligent, devout, and charitable.
Defend them against the assaults of the enemy,
and grant them wisdom and strength to resist all temptation
and corruption of this life.
And direct them in the way of salvation, through the merits
of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
and the intercessions of His Holy Mother and all the blessed
saints. Amen

SUGGESTED READINGS

2 Samuel (Kingdoms) 22; Psalms 22(23); 90(91); 120(121)

Matthew 11:28-30; Galatians 6:2; Revelation 12:1-11

TROPARION OF THE PROTECTION OF THE THEOTOKOS AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (Tone 4)

Today the faithful celebrate the feast with joy
illuminated by your coming, O Mother of God.

Beholding your pure image we fervently cry to you:

“Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection; deliver us from every form of evil by entreating Christ, your Son and our God that He may save our souls.”

A PRAYER FROM THE FATHERS FOR THE WELL BEING AND PROTECTION OF ALL

We beseech You, Master, to be our helper and protector.

Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly;
Raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the ungodly;
Restore the wanderers of Your people;
Feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners;
Raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted.

St Clement of Rome, 1st century-101 AD