

Capitol Point Prayer

Building a Prayer Shield

Overview:

“And you are helping us by praying for us. Then many people will give thanks because God has graciously answered so many prayers for our safety.” 2 Corinthians 1:11 (NLT)

The spiritual warfare against those in both ministry and business is very real and intense. It is imperative that the leaders and pastors we serve have a Prayer Shield (or hedge), built around them continually. We must understand that for leaders to be effective and have success in their endeavors, they must have consistent prayer covering. Every person who is called to be an intercessor for those in leadership positions can make a difference by providing the proper prayer cover. This information will instruct you on how to form a Prayer Shield for this purpose.

This document includes:

1. The Prayer Shield – Forming an Intercessory Prayer Group or Ministry or Business.
2. The Shields of Protection Prayer Guide
3. The Seven Shields of Protection

The Prayer Shield

Forming an Intercessory Prayer Group for Ministry or Business

1. Selecting Your Prayer Shield

- a. Take time to pray and seek the Lord’s guidance for the persons whom you believe God has placed on your heart who are to be the chosen intercessors to form your Prayer Shield. They should be people you trust, who are spiritually mature and who are also committed people of prayer. Furthermore, these individuals should also have their own personal prayer time and are people who frequently participate with other prayer teams. They should have an understanding of Spiritual warfare. They should be people of high integrity, loyal and they should understand that the **confidence** of an intercessor is a sacred trust.

As the Lord guides you, make a list including the participant’s full names and email addresses and phone numbers.

- b. A good rule to follow is to have at least 3-5 intercessors to begin with. However, the shield can have as many as needed as the ministry or business grows. The Holy Spirit himself will direct this and quicken those who are needed.
- c. Next, select one individual to be your Prayer Shield Coordinator (PSC). This person should be gifted in intercession and have a heart for prayer. They should also have the gift of administration. This person will oversee and communicate all prayer requests from you to the Prayer Shield. Essentially, the Prayer Shield Coordinator should not send anything out without direction from you or your ministry leadership. Remember the PSC will serve as the go-between with you and your Prayer Shield for the purpose of communications

and to establish prayer covering. This person should understand that the administration of the Prayer Shield is to be held in confidence at all times.

2. Setting Up the Prayer Shield Administratively

- a. Once you have the list of participants that the Lord has placed on your heart to be part of your Prayer Shield, and then you will need to email them to ask them for their response and commitment.
- b. We have provided a sample email below that can be modified to send to those whom you are initially asking to be a part of your Prayer Shield.

- SAMPLE EMAIL -

Please send to the PROPOSED PRAYER SHIELD Participants for their RESPONSE and COMMITMENT

Over the last several months, our Heavenly Father has been speaking to us about forming a Prayer Shield for _____ (name of ministry or business). We are advancing and we have much to do for the Kingdom of God. Therefore, we must have the proper prayer cover in place for our ministry, our leaders, and for the plans that God has given us as we reach out into _____. We are sending this email to you because the Lord has specifically placed your name upon our hearts to be a part of our Prayer Shield. We believe that you have played a very significant part in our journey, as well as being a faithful supporter of our efforts. To become a part of the Prayer Shield, we are asking you to consider making a commitment to pray with us for one year and cover us in intercession.

We have also selected _____ (name) to be our Prayer Shield Coordinator who will be the liaison between me and the Prayer Shield. They will be sending out our prayer requests on a (weekly, monthly or _____) basis. We promise not to bombard you with unnecessary information. However, we do believe in praying specifically for our needs. We also require that there be a sense of accountability as each one plays a significant part in prayer in the power of agreement for the ministry's needs. If you are willing to commit to joining our Prayer Shield, please reply to _____ (PSC's name) with your personal email address so that we include you in the setup of the Prayer Shield and send you our prayer request notifications. We also ask for your confidentiality in all prayer requests that are sent to you on our behalf. Likewise, we will also keep your name confidential and will not disclose the recipients of our prayer shield in our emails. We recognize that all correspondence of the Prayer Shield Ministry is scared trust. We honor and love each one of you and we thank you for your support. May you be blessed in your agreement to partner with us in intercession for us personally and for _____ (name of ministry or business).

- a. You may want to also include your vision and mission statements in your email so that it can be communicated to your Prayer Shield by the PSC.
- b. Be sure to include foundation and target scriptures for prayer purposes.
- c. Please note that it may take several weeks or so for everyone to respond back to you with their response and commitment.
- d. All email correspondence should be sent out to the members of the Prayer Shield through *blind copy*. Have the PSC create an email contact group and name it accordingly for administrative purposes. All matters concerning the Prayer Shield are always confidential.

NOTE: The designated intercessors names should always be kept confidential and not be

disclosed to one another. The PSC needs to ensure that this security is in place when sending out all prayer requests.

3. Notifying Your Prayer Shield of Prayer Requests

- a. Once the Prayer Shield Coordinator has created the Prayer Shield email contact group list, with all of the participant's names, then you can raise the Prayer Shield! Begin by sending your prayer requests directly to the Prayer Shield through the PSC. Your requests can be sent out weekly, bi-monthly or on a monthly basis, etc. It should be on the same day or time, however. Example: The first day of the month, or on every Monday morning.
NOTE: Urgent or emergency prayer requests should always be sent out immediately and are a priority. Please set this up with your PSC for all notifications.
- b. In addition, ministry or business updates, or scriptures, written prayers etc. can be sent out to guide and encourage your Prayer Shield at any given time. It is important to keep communication open with your Prayer Shield, but at the same time, not to bombard them with too much information.
- c. Be sure to send The Seven Shields of Protection Prayer Guide for Leaders and The Seven Shields of Protection information to your selected Prayer Shield to use as a tool, when covering your ministry or business.

The Shields of Protection Prayer Guide

The Seven Shields of Protection Prayer Guide is a tool that will instruct the intercessors assigned to your Prayer Shield as to how to pray for the leaders that God has placed in your life and cover in prayer. May Our Father reward you greatly for your commitment to prayer.

Prayer Guide to Pray for Leaders

1. Make a commitment to pray for them regularly and by name. Call their names aloud before the Lord. Can you hear the Apostle Paul's cry for prayer covering? Every Leader senses the same need.
 - *1 Thessalonians 5:25 (NLT) "Dear brothers and sisters, pray for us".*
 - *Romans 15:30 (TNIV) "I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me".*
2. Pray that they would always walk in moral purity and integrity in all areas of their lives.
 - *Hebrews 13:18 (NCV) "Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience, because we always want to do the right thing."*
3. Pray that God would supply all their needs and bless them with abundance.
 - *Philippians 4:19 (NIV) "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus".*
4. Pray that they would walk in health and that the Lord would continually renew their strength.
 - *3 John 1:2 (NKJV) "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."*
5. Pray that their marriages and families would be blessed and protected.
 - *Psalms 128:1-6 (CEV) "The Lord will bless you if you respect him and obey his laws. 2 Your fields will produce, and you will be happy and all will go well. 3 Your wife will be as fruitful as a grapevine, and just as an olive tree is rich with olives, your home will be rich with healthy children. 4 That is how the Lord will bless everyone who respects him. 5 I pray that the Lord will bless you from Zion and let Jerusalem prosper as long as you live. 6 May you live long enough to see your grandchildren. Let's pray for peace in Israel!"*
6. Pray for wisdom, understanding, and strategy in all situations. Pray for their ability to make wise choices and decisions.
 - *Ephesians 1:16-18 (CEV) "So I never stop being grateful for you, as I mention you in my prayers. 17 I ask the glorious Father and God of our Lord Jesus Christ to give you his Spirit. The Spirit will make you wise and let you understand what it means to know God. 18 My prayer is that light will flood your hearts and that you will understand the hope that was given to you when God chose you. Then you will discover the glorious blessings that will be yours together with all of God's people."*
7. Pray that they would become greater communicators of God's word. Also, pray that there would always be a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit upon them and the proclamation of God's word in all of their endeavors.

- *Colossians 4:3-4 (CEV) "Be sure to pray that God will make a way for us to spread his message and explain the mystery about Christ, even though I am in jail for doing this. 4 please pray that I will make the message as clear as possible."*
8. Pray that God would surround them with faithful people who will be a source of strength and encouragement.
 - *Exodus 17:12 (CEV) "Later, when Moses' arms became tired, the men put a large rock under him, and he sat on it. Then Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands—Aaron on one side and Hur on the other. They kept his hands steady until the sun went down."*
 9. Pray that God will deliver them from every satanic attack, roadblock, hindrance or frustration.
 - *2 Thessalonians 3:1-2 (NCV) "And now, brothers and sisters, pray for us that the Lord's teaching will continue to spread quickly and that people will give honor to that teaching, just as happened with you. 2 And pray that we will be protected from stubborn and evil people, because not all people believe."*
 10. Pray for greater open doors of ministry and/or business opportunity with increased influence and favor.
 - *1 Corinthians 16:9 (NLT) "There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me."*
 - *Ephesians 6:19 (NCV) "Also pray for me that when I speak, God will give me words so that I can tell the secret of the Good News without fear."*

The Seven Shields of Protection

At the dawn of the twenty-first century, we saw the world filled with tragedy and devastation. We desperately need the Lord's protection. Newspapers, magazines, and television broadcasts offer less and less good news, while reporting more and more stories that are shocking, unsettling, and sometimes too horrible to believe. Indeed, the darkness is increasing. Consequently, we must guard our hearts against fear in this evil hour and learn to be pro-active in prayer concerning our lives, our families, our homes, our nations and everything else God has given us.

As we think about praying for protection in various areas of our lives, it is important to understand that prayer is not a cause-and-effect formula, and that the presence of sin in our lives can hinder our prayers. Our lives need to be aligned with the truth of God's word in order for these prayer tactics to be effective. We must walk in integrity and take our positions of responsibility as Christ's soldiers of the cross in order for these hedges of protection to be effective.

In God's word, there are seven specific areas of our lives that are protected by the Lord. This information will explain the Seven Shields of Protection, which are also referred to as "hedges" that Satan cannot penetrate. These shields are always in effect around you, your family, and your possessions. It is vital that we know what they are and how to enforce them by our belief, our faith, and our confession. When we learn these principles and practice this kind of prayer life daily, we can appropriate the victory that Jesus died to obtain for us.

The Seven Shields of Protection - Defined

1. The Shield of Redemption - The Blood of Jesus Christ

The most powerful shield of protection around our lives is the shed blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ. The word of God tells us that we are washed in the blood when we become children of God.

- **Colossians 1:14 (AMP)**
In whom we have our redemption through His blood, [which means] the forgiveness of our sins.
- **Revelation 1:5 (KJV)**
... And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen.

It is important to know that Jesus loved us first, then he washes us clean from all our sin, (John 3:16). Redemption means that we have been purchased from the slavery of our sin. We were bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ and we now belong to God. Therefore, Satan no longer has any right to us.

- **Ephesians 1:7 (NLT)**
He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his Son and forgave our sins.

Therefore, when we are in right standing with God, Satan cannot cut through the hedge of protection that surrounds us, provided by the blood of Jesus. Through redemption, our Lord has given us the power to overcome him.

- **Revelation 12:11 (KJV)**
“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”

We are overcomers and God has placed His shield of redemption around us. Satan knows he cannot break God’s hedge. However, we must know it and be convinced of it. We overcome by the BLOOD of the LAMB and the word of God that is planted in us!

2. The Shield of Relationship and Intimacy with God the Father

The second protective hedge around us is God the Father, *our* Father. As we are washed in the blood of Jesus, God becomes our Father. He is our Papa, our Dad. We no longer have the spirit of bondage again to fear, but we have been given the spirit of adoption, when enables us to cry out to the Lord, “Papa! Abba-Father!” (Romans 8:15).

- **Genesis 15:1 (NIV)**
After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your very great reward.”

In other words, the Lord is saying, “Don’t be afraid, for *I am your Father, I am your shield, I am a hedge* around you.” What God did for Abraham, He will do for you. Galatians 3:29 tells us that,

“If we belong to Christ, then we are Abraham’s seed and heirs according to the promise.” What God promised Abraham belongs to us as well.

Child of God, you can say this prayer to yourself by inserting your name! Genesis 15:1, *“The word of the Lord came to _____. Do not be afraid, _____, for I am your shield, your very great reward.”* Then pray this same prayer back to God, *“Lord, you’re my shield; you’re my very great reward”*. These words are living and active. Learn to take God’s word personally.

- **Psalm 3:1-3 (NIV)**

LORD, how many are my foes! How many rise up against me! ²Many are saying of me, “God will not deliver him.” ³But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.

- **1 John 4:4 (KJV)**

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

We have the mighty, awesome Spirit of the living God on the inside of us. Do not sell yourself short. The Greater One, the Mighty One, the Victorious One, lives in us. He is greater than any devil, any demon, any force of darkness that would ever come against you. No matter what you face, He is greater still. He is the overcoming Lord whose purpose in coming to the earth was to destroy the works of the enemy, (1 John 3:8).

3. The Shield of the Resources of Heaven – The Angels of God

God’s angels form a third type of hedge around us, as God gives His angels charge to watch over and to protect us. Consider and understand this truth: there are more angels for us than there are demons against us. We must be careful not to accentuate demonic power by over-emphasizing what demons can do. Instead, we must glorify God and His power and realize that He has placed His powerful angels all around us to guard and protect us and to guide and lead us, (Psalm 91).

God’s angels are similar to that of a *living shield* ministering His protection to us. Hebrews 1:14 says, *“Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth to minister for those who will inherit salvation?”* We are the heirs of salvation. God’s people have always been the ones for whom and to whom angels have ministered.

- **Exodus 23:20 (NIV)**

“See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared.

- **Psalm 34:7 (NIV)**

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

This scripture tells us that the Lord goes before us, and He is camping out wherever we go. We must not fear the devil; we must fear and revere God. Again, there are more for us than against us. Always remember that God’s power to bless and keep you is greater than the devil’s power

to deceive and take from you. God's angels are full of power and they do encamp around you and your family.

- **Psalm 91:1-13 (MSG)**

You who sit down in the High God's presence, spend the night in El Shaddai's shadow, Say this: "GOD, you're my refuge. I trust in you and I'm safe!" That's right—he rescues you from hidden traps, shields you from deadly hazards. His huge outstretched arms protect you – under them, you're perfectly safe; his arms fend off all harm. Fear nothing—not wild wolves in the night, not flying arrows in the day, not disease that prowls through the darkness, not disaster that erupts at high noon. Even though others succumb all around, drop like flies right and left, no harm will even graze you. You'll stand untouched, watch it all from a distance, watch the wicked turn into corpses. Yes, because GOD's your refuge, the High God your very own home, evil can't get close to you, harm can't get through the door. He ordered his angels to guard you wherever you go. If you stumble, they'll catch you; their job is to keep you from falling. You'll walk unharmed among lions and snakes, and kick young lions and serpents from the path.

(Further Scripture references: Genesis 48:16; II Kings 19).

4. The Shield of Protection - The Full Armor of God

The first three hedges mentioned thus far are shields of protection that God gives us as followers of Christ Jesus. However, the next four hedges that will be explained are those in which we must take a *personal responsibility*. The ARMOR of God is described in detail for us in Ephesians 6. It is our shield of protection. Paul is dealing with the issue of spiritual warfare in this chapter, and he tells us to get fully dressed as we go into battle.

- **Ephesians 6: 10-17 (NIV)**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

We see in this passage that we are engaged in warfare with supernatural powers. Therefore, we must have supernatural protection. What soldier would go into battle without his weapons and protective gear? There are none. Without the Armor of God, we can become vulnerable, an easy prey for an attack of the enemy. However, when we dress, we PUT ON the Armor of God, we are able to stand against every onslaught of the enemy and against the powers of darkness. Again, this is our responsibility! Due to our prayerlessness and a lack of faith, we can set ourselves up for needless casualties of war. We can create an invasion point for the enemy to gain access into our lives. However, when we are clothed in the armor, and enforce it, the things that would

normally destroy us cannot penetrate. We must be serious about living victorious lives and advancing God's kingdom.

Once we have put the armor on, then we STAND! We do not run into battle, but we stand firmly upon the knowledge of God's word and we have the confidence that God's armor is effective – it covers us and protects us from the fiery darts of the enemy. We MARCH forward in the wonderful and powerful name of Jesus!

5. The Shield of Faith - Our Belief

The fifth hedge that protects us is the supernatural Shield of Faith. Our personal faith in God and His word builds a hedge around us. We have to believe God, believe IN God and His word and IN the power of our faith. **1 John 5:4** (NIV) reminds us, *“For everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.”*

Our faith is what overcomes the world and it is one of our most powerful weapons. We must believe in the power and the truth of God's word. When we deal in spiritual warfare and with demonic powers, we must trust in God and His Spirit and His word to guide us. We also have to believe that we have the authority of Christ and we must exercise that authority in the supernatural realm.

There may be times when the enemy will try to invade our homes with strife or fear, or he may try to launch an assault against our families. When this happens, we must begin to confront the enemy at the invasion point and push him back. We must speak God's word and declare it in the face of the onslaught. We will be effective because of our authority as a believer in Christ Jesus. We must know our place, know the authority God has given us, and exercise it every day through faith.

- **Luke 10:19** (NIV)
I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
- **1 John 4:4** (NIV)
You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

The Bible tells us that when we impose our authority upon the enemy in resisting him, he will flee from us.

- **James 4:7** (KJV)
Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

This is how we must live as God's victorious people. God gives to each one of us THE measure of faith. We all receive the same amount. However, we become stronger and more effective when we do something with what we have. Look at faith and compare it to a muscle in your arm. When you exercise that muscle, it will grow and become stronger. In the same way, we must exercise

our faith so that it will grow deeper, higher, and stronger. We will see it increase as we exercise it in the authority that belongs to us in Christ Jesus.

The piece of armor described as the shield of faith is mentioned in Ephesians 6:16. *It states, "In every battle you will need faith as your shield to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan, (TLB)".* Therefore, we raise HIGH the shield of faith to quench every fiery dart of the enemy!

6. The Shield of Integrity - Quality of Character

The quality of character that builds a hedge around us is integrity. Believers must walk in the power of integrity. This is not an option if we want to secure the Lord's protection over our lives. Integrity is defined as honesty, soundness, completeness, and wholeness. Integrity is when a person does what is right when no one else is around and watching, but he knows in his heart that God is. A person who walks in integrity is a person who has an undivided heart and who is committed to walk righteously before the Lord in all of their ways.

Consequently, having a lack of integrity in any area of your life as a believer can open the door to the enemy to attack you. You can be fully dressed in your armor, but through a lack of integrity, you can become vulnerable to the attack of the enemy.

How do we enforce the Shield of Integrity?

- a. Stay clean. Sin will destroy your life (Romans 6:23). Once the Lord reveals sin in your life, then seek his forgiveness and allow Him to cleanse you. Then stay clean and when you do, you can be covered.

- ***Romans 6:23 (KJV)***

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ask God to forgive you if you have offended Him knowingly or unknowingly. Do every day and receive His forgiveness so that you can draw strength to live. Jesus taught us this in Matthew 6, when He said, *"Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one"*. Therefore, every day, let your prayer be heard: *"Lord, today, give me bread; deliver me, and keep me from the evil one. Amen."*

- b. Submit yourself to the Lord. In James 4:7, we read, *"Submit yourselves therefore to God..." (KJV)*. We must align ourselves under the Lordship of Christ. When this happens, boldness is produced as a result from walking in obedience to God. The Bible tells us that people who have sin in their lives are paranoid, but those who walk in integrity have a holy boldness. They have lion hearted boldness, in fact!

- ***Proverbs 28:1 (NIV), "The wicked flee though no one pursues, but the righteous are as bold as a lion."***

This boldness allows us to pursue our enemies instead of running away from them. When David faced Goliath, he ran toward him, fully expecting victory.

- c. James 4:7 continues to instruct us to “*Resist the devil*”. This verse tells us that there is warfare involved and we will have to push the devil back. The word resist does not mean to fight back, nor does it mean to say “Go away” to the devil. He will not be shooed away like a fly!

We fight the good fight of faith, but we must actively resist the devil. We must consistently put pressure on him until he understands that we are not going to back off. We must wear him down with the power of the word of God, instead of allowing him to wear us down! We must resist and keep on resisting.

Submit to God first and then continue to use the two-pronged weapon of submitting and resisting. Whatever you are up against will finally break and when it does, your faith will be built up.

- **Proverbs 16:17 (CEV)**
God’s people avoid evil ways, and they protect themselves by watching where they go.

(Further Scripture reading: Matthew 15, Psalm 25:19-21, Psalm 84:11).

7. The Shield of Intercession - Prayer

There is powerful protection that surrounds us in our intercession and in our personal prayer life. Our personal prayers help keep us protected, and likewise, we help keep our brothers and sisters protected as we pray for them and likewise, when they pray for us. God says there is a reward when we pray, (Matthew 6:6; Hebrews 10:35).

- **Ezekiel 22:30 (KJV)**
And I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it, but I found none.

God extends an invitation to us to stand in the gap on behalf of others and to learn to build hedges through prayer and intercession.

What is a gap? Biblically, a gap was a break in the wall of protection around a city, an invasion point whereby an enemy could gain access. Gaps, in terms of intercessory prayer, are weak spots or entry points in our lives where the enemy can gain access to attack us. We must understand the significance of broken hedges.

The Bible warns us of broken hedges or gaps in our wall. Ecclesiastes 10:8 says, “*Whoever breaks a hedge, a serpent will bite him.*” This passage warns us of two things:

1. On the other side of the hedge, the enemy is waiting to afflict us.
2. He is also looking for weak spots (weaknesses) in our walls so that he can gain entry into our lives and enlarge his base of operation. He wants to come onto your territory and gain a position of opportunity. Do not let him.

If the enemy gains access, he can work to enlarge the gap and attempt to destroy the hedge protecting you. The enemy is invisible, but we must remember that this unseen foe always leaves

very visible tracks! It is easy to follow his trail of destruction by looking backward and to see where the enemy has been.

The following verse makes this very plain to us and helps us to gain wisdom and insight into the enemy's tactics:

- **Psalm 89:40-41 (NLT)**

You have broken down the walls protecting him and ruined every fort defending him.

⁴ Everyone who comes along has robbed him, and he has become a joke to his neighbors.

When hedges are broken, we are robbed and our enemies mock us. It is important as intercessors that we are effective in prayer. Therefore, we must understand where the broken hedges are and learn how to close them. We must recognize the gaps, and know how to spot where the enemy is gaining access. Sometimes, we may feel overwhelmed as if we are being attacked from every side. However, if we can quickly learn where the enemy is trying to invade, we can immediately go to war in the gap and stop the invasion before it gets out of control. We can break through!

God calls us not only to stand in the gap, but also to build up these protective hedges. If you are tired of being robbed and tormented, then learn how to stand at the invasion point and push your enemy back. This will build a protective hedge around you. Pray in power and use your authority by applying God's word to push him back.

In prayer, we can actually build our own protective fallout shelter. We can run into that place and be safe. We can construct a dwelling place in prayer, hide there and experience the kind of protection Psalm 91:7 describes, which says, *"A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it shall no come near you."*

In conclusion, we must establish God's shield of protection around ourselves and also for others in prayer. Our enemy is on the loose, but he is a defeated prince of an inferior kingdom. He knows he cannot touch us, but he will not stop trying. Therefore, we pray. We must pray fervently, we must pray effectively, and we must pray relentlessly. May we live under the protection of God most high and stay under the shadow of The Almighty who is all-powerful. Amen.

Note: This information is taken from the book, God's Shield of Protection by Pastor Mike Servello, (Life's Truth publication) and compiled by Tonya McKim, tmckim@live.com Capitol Point Prayer www.capitolpointprayer.com
This book is highly recommended as it can become a vital personal handbook and tool for you as God's trusted intercessor.