

## PROTECTION

Protection is one of the matters that I pray over you on a frequent basis: protection from physical, emotional and other harm is often laid on my heart for you and for other children in my life. Though I should not worry or be anxious about these matters, my responsibility should include prayer for these *little ones* that are vulnerable to the ugliness and cruelty that exist among us, between us and within us.

Laws are designed to protect the innocent by prosecuting the accused and convicting the guilty. This process, called justice, is based on the identification or revelation of the truth – if the truth is not found, than justice is not served and the protection is not adequately executed under the law. Laws are important and necessary; yet if not enforced by justice, will lose the intent and purpose.

In the state of nature...all men are born equal, but they cannot continue in this equality. Society makes them lose it, and they recover it only by the protection of the law.

- [Charles de Montesquieu](#), *French lawyer & philosopher (1689 - 1755)*

As with problems, protection comes in many forms:

- The President and other state officials require protection or security in the public arena
- Witnesses of a crime or act receive protection against others who may want to hurt them as a result of their testimony {i.e., witness protection program}
- Endangered species of animals receive protection under federal law
- Property, land, and other environments receive protection under federal and state law

From Psalm, David prayed that integrity, uprightness and truth and the Lord protect him. Jesus prayed that believers would be protected from the evil one. Paul writes to the Thessalonians: “But the Lord is faithful, and he will protect and strengthen you from the evil one. “

As I close this letter, my unknowing of anything about you in the present state does not stop me from praying; indeed, my faith in God’s protection is all that I have to be convinced that you are ok, safe and protected.

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