

## Short Prayer for Protection, Guilt, Shame

**This is a prayer I pray with others. But you can easily personalize it. Usually before such a prayer I ask Jesus to bless us with a peace and a clarity so we can truly focus on where He is guiding us and what He is doing in us.**

Lord Jesus, teach me to pray for your precious children. Jesus, I thank you so much for your heart of love for these precious children of God that you love so much.

I pray that your peace fill their hearts right now. May your peace guard their minds right now. I pray protection around them. Send your mighty angels to guard them in all of their ways. Be their hedge of protection and the wall of fire around them, burning away all that is impure and unholy. Surround them with light and drive back the darkness. Anything evil working in the darkness, push further and further away. Turn down their voices so that the only sounds your precious children hear is your voice, Jesus. May they hear what you want them to hear.

Jesus, we thank you for coming to save us when we were far away from you. We thank you that you didn't wait until we had everything just right, until we were perfect, because we never would have gotten there. Thank you for loving us even when we were sinners. Thank you for still loving us, even though we still sin.

Lord Jesus, help us to approach your throne of grace with confidence and boldness. Every sin of our past we lay before your cross. All of the shameful sins that we still feel guilty about, even though we have confessed them many times, we lay these sins before your feet. *(Take time to do this with whatever is on your heart)*

Father, we ask that you take all of this guilt and all of the shame. We don't want them anymore. We have lived too long with these burdens and hurts, and we let them go to you. Help us to find grace and mercy for ourselves and for others. Give us the mind of Christ so that we can think about ourselves and others as you do, Jesus.

Continue to bring light into our darkness. Teach us to think like you and to love like you, Jesus. We give you our hearts now. Amen.