

PROTECTOR*

God protects us from all kinds of physical and spiritual harm. We are ultimately safe with Him.

SCRIPTURE†	MUSIC‡
<p>Psalm 18 Psalm 46 Psalm 91 Psalm 121 / 121 (8 verses) John 17 Psalm 84 Romans 8 / 8:28–39</p>	<p>A Garment of Praise (Lopez) SATB A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Abide with Me Be Still and Know (Schram) SATB Be Still, My Soul Children of the Heavenly Father Day by Day Hiding in Thee How Firm a Foundation I Will Lift My Eyes (Hayes) SATB It Is Well with My Soul Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Koerts) SATB Praise to the Lord, the Almighty Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Rock of Ages Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</p>



* Theme fits well immediately before or after **Provider** theme.

† Daily preparatory readings shown in **bold**.

‡ Published choral and vocal music shown in **bold**.

PRESENTING & PROMOTING THIS THEME

DAILY PROTECTIONS

Psalm 91 | *I woke up this morning inside my house with a lock and deadbolt lock on the front and back door, and a security system. I got up and took a shower while a temperature regulator on the hot water tank kept the water from scalding me. I shaved with a safety razor. I took FDA approved food out of my refrigerator, which is set to the perfect temperature to slow the growth of bacteria. I drank milk that has been pasteurized to remove any harmful organisms. The electricity in my house is grounded, and the outlets have 3 prongs for safety. I got in my car, which has airbags in it and fastened my seat belt. I obeyed the traffic laws and stopped at the stoplights. I've washed my hands multiple times today already and used hand sanitizer. We do so much daily to protect ourselves that we don't even think about. And still, all our efforts fall short.*

We cannot ultimately keep ourselves safe. Only God can do that. While we shouldn't be foolish, we can know that our safety is completely in God's hands. He is our Protector.

Promotional Post: Gather with us Sunday to remember again in worship the countless ways God protects us. These readings may help you prepare for worship: [Insert preparatory Scripture readings.]

PARENTS

Parents work to protect a small child, especially when that child does not understand the danger that he or she is in. (Have a father bring his toddler up onto the stage to show that he would not let her fall off the edge.) The Bible often pictures God as nurturing His children and protecting them from things that would harm them. Hosea pictures God's tenderness with Israel, like a father protecting a child who is unaware of danger. Psalm 91 offers promises of God's protection, both what we see and what we don't see.



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