



PRAYER **SHIELD**

FOR SPIRITUAL LEADER'S

A tall waterfall cascading down a rocky cliff, with a small bridge spanning across it.

What is a Prayer Shield?

What if your role's most pressing need isn't for more resources ... but for a team of intercessors who pray for you?

What if these intercessors made it their ministry to pray consistently for you and your ministry, shielding you in the presence, peace and power of the LORD God Almighty?

What if their prayers were not need-based but blessing-based, pouring out over you the truths of who God is and the bounty of His promises in scripture?

What if they listened on your behalf and brought back to you the guiding scriptures the LORD led them to pray for you?

What a waterfall from the River of Life to soak in, both for those praying and those prayed for!

What a difference that could make!

“PRAYER IS NOT A BUTTON TO PUSH
IT IS A RELATIONSHIP TO PURSUE.”

Carey Nieuwhof



The Holy Trinity

As intercessors dip their prayer buckets into the well of all God is and all He has promised, pouring these truths over the leader's walk with God, they shield our spiritual leaders, encasing them in the Presence, Peace and Power of all the LORD God Almighty is.

Rivers and water are metaphors in Scripture, of revitalization, healing, wholeness and life. Intercessors pray this wholeness of life into all the areas of the spiritual leader's walk with God in life and ministry.

**Jeremiah
17:8**

"They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit."

**John
4:14**

"But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life."

**John
7:38**

"Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Spiritual Leaders are Spiritual Umbrella Holders

They hold the handle of the umbrella that provides the spiritual covering over their whole ministry and over every area in life that they hold authority over.

A Prayer Shield is....

Small groups of inter-generational people who believe in the power of prayer. These intercessors are devoted in taking up their own 'shields of faith' and hoisting the Shield of all the LORD God is over His people.

They spend time in the LORD's presence mining out the guiding scriptures the LORD highlights to pour over their leaders in prayer.



They go to God on behalf of those who carry the responsibility of urging, guiding, encouraging, warning, counselling and shepherding “the flock” under their care. **They pray earnestly for his/her walk with God.**

With their eyes focused on Jesus, and ears listening to His voice, empowered by the Holy Spirit, they partner in advancing the Father’s mission in the life and ministry of the one being prayed over.

They strengthen the hand that holds the umbrella as the winds of change and challenge tug and pull.

“Brothers and sisters, pray for us.”

1 Thessalonians 5:25

In this Holy Place shielded by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the intercessor also individually receives the pouring out of God’s presence, peace and power.

A paradigm shift: in concept and experience.

There are many ways to pray for God’s people and those entrusted to shepherd God’s people. Prayer teams, prayer lists, prayer chains, crisis pray-ers, spiritual battle prayer warriors, arrow pray-ers....praying in the power of the Spirit, by fervent hearts on all occasions, are powerful and effective.

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”

Ephesians 6:18

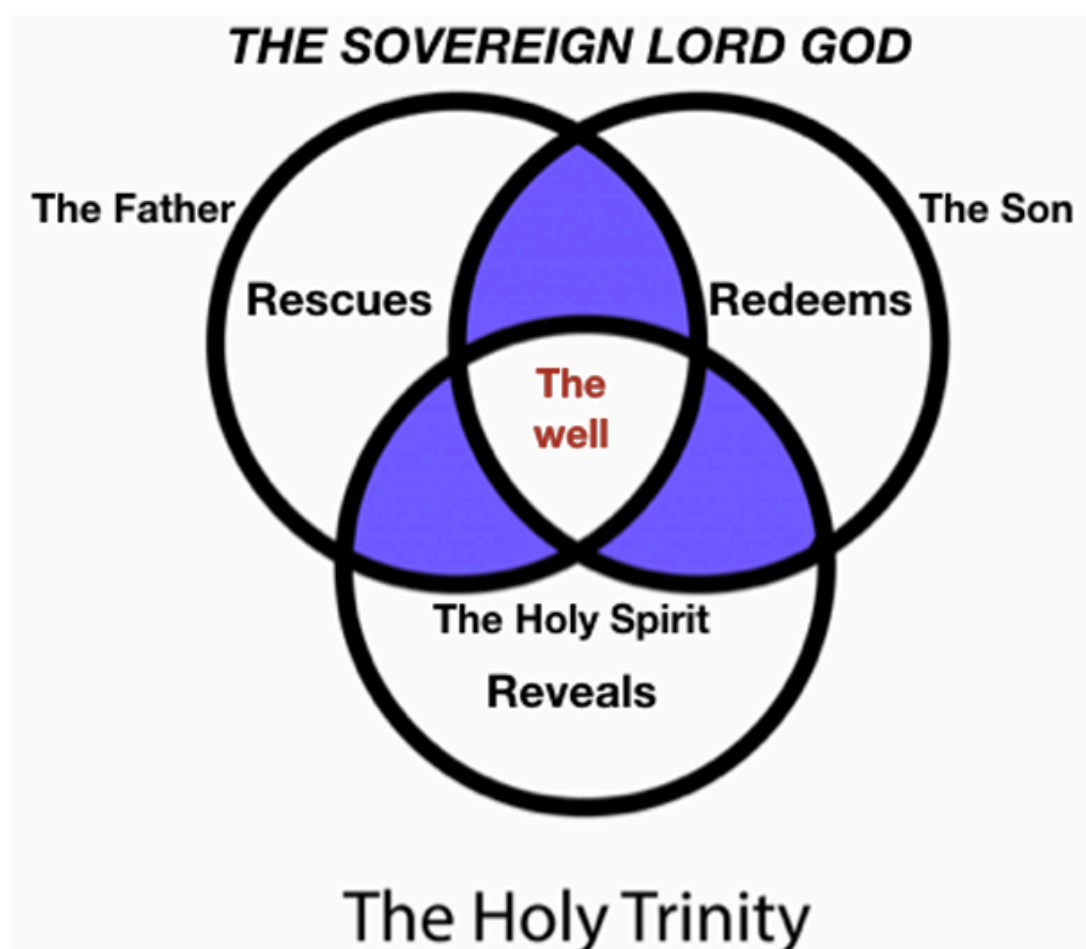
This Prayer Shield isn't meant to replace those prayers. All are needed.

This Prayer Shield is designed to provide blessing prayers based on the powerful character and names of The LORD God Almighty, as revealed through Scripture.

As we pray through the lens of these word pictures of our three-in-One-God, and His promises from the Holy Scripture, we find a depth of rescue from the Father, redemption through the Son, and revelation from the Holy Spirit.

Here is the deep well to draw from as we encase the one for whom we pray, shielding their walk with God in this secure place of His Presence, His Peace and His Power.

From this shielded place of power our prayers of blessing flow.



“But you, LORD, are a shield around me, my glory, the One who lifts my head high.”

Psalm 3:3

“The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”

Psalm 18:2 7

“The LORD is my strength and my shield, my heart trusts in him, and he helps me. My heart leaps for joy; and with my song I praise him.”

Psalm 28:7

“We wait in hope for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name. May your unfailing love be with us, LORD, even as we put our hope in you.”

Psalm 33: 20-22

Shielded. Secure. Strengthened. My Stronghold.
Salvation. Refuge. Fortress. Deliverer = **HOPE**

“We have this HOPE (this confident expectation) as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.”

Hebrews 6:19

It is not necessary, nor always wise, for spiritual leaders to share specific prayer requests. God knows the needs, and the struggles.



Yet it is a privilege and a responsibility to pray over leaders and to bring their different areas of life and ministry before God for His blessing.

Intercessors go ahead to shelter the leader's walk with God and to prepare the way forward through prayer.

They push back the darkness of the hour, the culture, the circumstances and bring God's light into the life and ministry of the one for whom they pray.

They listen for the Holy Spirit's revelation of Scriptures, encouragement and insights to pour over a specific leader as they pray. They pour out the blessings and promises of God, through the Father's presence, The Son's peace and the Holy Spirit's power as they hoist the shield of all God is for His people, around and over His anointed ones, drawing deeply from the well of all He is as revealed through Scripture.

Pouring these blessing out over God's appointed and anointed ones brings the breath of God and the power of God to rest on those specific men and women who are on the front lines of spiritual battle in ministry.

Intercessors clear the way for the River of Life to flow over situations, circumstances and people through the application of guiding scripture.

Encouraging. Protective. Visionary.

First line of defense.
Advancing together as one.
Shields edge to edge.

THE BACKBONE OF PRAYER IS AGREEMENT WITH GOD'S WORD AND GOD'S CHARACTER.

Prayer Shield members lean into the word of God and the character of God to inform their prayers. Their own best thinking and solutions drop away.

Prayers change from desperate “*please, please*” prayers to gratitude prayers filled with “*thank you, thank you*” for all God is and all He offers through His character and His word.

This paradigm shift, from praying need-focused prayers to pouring blessing buckets of scripture-based prayers, is like standing under a waterfall.

Under the cascading grace and mercy and peace of the LORD Almighty as God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, blessing and refreshment flow freely.

“We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true.

1 John 5:20

What a privilege it is to bring spiritual umbrella holders under this waterfall of the powerful cascading truths of scripture, encasing them, through prayer in the love and the shield of our LORD.

“I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.”

Ephesians 3:16-19 NIV

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