

Behold, he cometh with the clouds, and every eye shall see him, and they also that pierced him. And all the tribes of the earth shall bewail themselves because of him.

Even so. Amen.
I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, saith the Lord God, who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Revelation 1:7-8

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# The Armour of God Prayer and Psalms of Protection

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The Holy Trinity is calling us to pray the Armour of God (Ephesians 6), Psalms and other traditional prayers for protection against evil attacks. These Scriptural prayers have been translated from the Douay-Rheims Bible, while some minor contextual changes were made to align better with the Latin Vulgate<sup>1</sup>.

### Armour of God (Ephesians 6:10-20)

Lord God, I pray for your strength and mighty power, to be clothed with the Armour of God so that I may be able to stand against the deceits of the devil – for our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers; against the rulers of the world, of this darkness; against the spirits of wickedness in high places. I take unto myself the Armour of God so that I may be able to resist evil today and stand in all things perfect. Gird my loins with the truth and arm me with the breastplate of justice. Shod my feet with the preparation of the Gospel of peace. In all things, give me the shield of faith to extinguish the fiery darts of the evil one. I take unto myself the helmet of salvation and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God; at all times praying and supplicating in the Spirit, watching and offering petitions for all the saints. Give me speech so that I may open my mouth with confidence to make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in a chain, so that I may boldly speak as I ought to. Amen.

### Psalm 91 (Douay-Rheims Psalm 90)

I dwell with the help of the Most High. I abide under the protection of the God of heaven. You are my protector and my refuge. My Lord, my God, I trust in you, for you have delivered me from the snare of the hunters and from piercing words. Overshadow me with your shoulders, and under your wings I place my trust. Let your truth compass me with a shield. I am not afraid of the terror of the night, of the arrow that flies in the day, of the business that haunts in the dark, of invasion or of the noonday devil — even if a thousand shall fall at my side and ten thousand at my right hand — it will not come near me. But even so, you will consider with your eyes and see the retribution of the wicked, because you, O Lord, are my hope. I have made the Most High my refuge. No evil will come to me, nor will the scourge come near my dwelling, for you have given your angels charge over me, to keep me in all your ways. In their hands they will bear me up, lest I dash my foot against a stone. I will walk upon the viper and the basilisk², and will trample underfoot the lion and the dragon.

Because I hoped in you, you will deliver me. You will protect me because I have known your name. I

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See "God confirms that many Bibles in circulation are defiled and that the Latin Vulgate, translated to the Douay-Rheims, is the true Bible" (28/02/2019) in "Conversations" and "Where most Bibles in circulation today have been changed to suit man not God" in "Resources" on www.alpha-omega.org.za.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> A basilisk is a legendary, extremely venomous snakelike dragon or reptile, with a lethal stare or breath. In this context, it refers to an evil spirit in the same way that the dragon refers to Satan.

will cry to you, and you will hear me. You are with me in tribulation. You will deliver me, and you will exalt me. You will fill me with length of days, and you will show me your salvation. Amen.

## Psalm 23 (Douay-Rheims Psalm 22)

The Lord rules over me and there is nothing I shall want. He has set me in a place of pasture. On the water of refreshment, he has brought me up, he has converted my soul and has led me on the paths of justice for his own name's sake. Even though I should walk in the midst of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me. Your rod and your staff have comforted me. You have prepared a table before me in the face of those who afflict me. You have anointed my head with oil, and my chalice, which inebriates me with your splendour. And your mercy will follow me all the days of my life so that I may dwell in the house of the Lord for the length of days. Amen.