

Friday January 8, Day 5 Prayer Intention:

Praying that Christ would hide us from the virus and all backlash from the enemy.

Scripture:

*You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble;
You surround me with songs of deliverance.*

Psalm 32:7

Things we are praying for together

(you can pray for all of these or choose a few to pray for):

- Pray that Jesus would cover Crosswalk and SCS with the blood of Christ and this virus would pass over us.
- That no weapon formed against us shall prosper (Isaiah 54:17)
- Pray that there would be no backlash from the enemy with us moving forward in prayer.

Reflection:

Have you ever noticed the moment you start being more consistent in your prayer life something happens? Or when breakthrough happens in a relationship or even a ministry, all hell breaks loose? (*And I am not saying that metaphorically but literally*). I have even felt fear to pray because I knew the enemy would attack. In my earlier years when I would prepare for worship that coming Sunday or help at a Real Options retreat, I would start to feel sick, get a flat tire, or argue with someone close to me.

Circumstances that were completely out of my control were affecting everything I was doing. I have experienced it first hand here at Crosswalk from Sunday worship, to small things like printing problems or internet

issues. I started realizing that when we are making an impact, we become a target to the enemy. When a battle begins on a battlefield, both sides barricade or find shelter before shooting the enemy. When we pray without protection, it would be like us jumping out of the shelter, exposing ourselves, and shooting. We forget that this is a murderous principality that wants us distracted, unfocused, sick and destroyed. If he can't get to us personally, he will go for our families. All through scripture it talks about hiding in Christ, protecting us from the enemy and literally making us invisible so the enemy does not know who and where the prayers are coming from.

Prayer:

Lord, throughout scripture we have seen You as the Commander and Chief and Lord of all the armies. Father as we are praying for our culture and the advancement of life in the Bay Area, cover us with Your cleansing blood and hide us in the shadow of Your wings. Preserve us from trouble and surround us with songs of deliverance in Jesus name. Amen