

Setting Their Hope
in
GOD

Biblical Intercession for James and Jude

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Merciful Master,

Look on the affliction of James and Jude and deliver them; let them not forget Your law. Plead their cause and redeem them; give them life according to Your promise! Salvation is far from the wicked, for they do not seek Your statutes. Great is Your mercy, O LORD; give them life according to Your rules.

Even when their persecutors and adversaries are many, let them not swerve from Your testimonies. May they look at the faithless with pity, because they do not keep Your commands. Enable them to love Your precepts! Give them life according to Your steadfast love. The sum of Your word is truth, and every one of Your righteous rules endures forever. AMEN (Psalm 119).

Blessed God,

Although princes may persecute them without cause, may these precious children's hearts stand in awe of Your words. Might they, by the power of Your Spirit, rejoice at Your word like one who finds great spoil. Make them hate and abhor falsehood but love Your law. Cause them to praise You seven times a day for Your righteous rules. Great peace have those who love Your law; nothing can make them stumble. May they hope for Your salvation, O LORD, and do Your commandments. Cause their souls to keep Your testimonies and love them exceedingly. Help them to keep Your precepts and testimonies, for all their ways are before You.

Let my cry come before You, O LORD; give James and Jude understanding according to Your word! Let my plea come before You; deliver them according to Your word. May their lips pour forth praise, for You teach them Your statutes. May their tongues sing of Your word, for all Your commandments are right. Let Your hand be ready to help them, and may they choose Your precepts. Create in them a longing for Your salvation, O LORD, and a delight in Your law. Let their souls live and praise You, and let Your rules help them. When they go astray like lost sheep, seek them, and do not let them forget Your commandments. AMEN (Psalm 119).

Heavenly Father,

As for me, my prayer is to You. At an acceptable time, O God, in the abundance of Your steadfast love answer me in Your saving faithfulness. And my prayer is this: deliver these children from sinking in the mire of sin; let them be delivered from the deep waters of vanity. Let not the flood sweep over them, or the deep swallow them up, or the pit of despair close its mouth over them. Answer me, O LORD, for Your steadfast love is good; according to Your abundant mercy turn to them. Draw near to their soul, redeem them; ransom them because of their frailty.

When they are afflicted and in pain, let Your salvation, O God, set them on high! Then may they praise Your Name with a song and magnify You with thanksgiving. May they seek You and rejoice and be glad in You!

Remind James and Jude that because we love your salvation that we will say together evermore, “God is great!” Hasten to us, O God! You are our help and our deliverer; O LORD, do not delay! Save us for Your marvelous Name. AMEN (Psalm 69 & 70).

Sweet Sustainer and Rock of Salvation,

I do not ask that You take these dear children out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. Sanctify them in the truth; Your word is truth. Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given to Christ, may be with Him where He is, to see His glory that You have given Him because You loved Him before the foundation of the world.

I give thanks to You always for these children because of Your grace that has been given them in Christ Jesus, and I ask that in every way they may be enriched in You in all speech and all knowledge—even that the testimony about Christ might be confirmed in them—so that they will not be lacking in any spiritual gift, as they wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain them to the end, guiltless in the day of Christ.

O God, be the source of their lives in Christ Jesus, whom You made their wisdom and their righteousness and sanctification and redemption. Therefore, let James and Jude boast solely in You. For the display of Your wonderful winsomeness, AMEN (John 17 & I Corinthians 1).

Thou Great I Am,

You are righteous; You love righteous deeds; the upright shall behold Your face. Therefore, cause James and Jude to walk uprightly so that they might do what they were made for—behold Your wonderful face! May they trust in Your steadfast love; may their hearts rejoice in Your salvation. And then let them sing to You, because You have dealt bountifully with them. Again, I ask that they be constrained to walk blamelessly and do what is right and speak the truth in their hearts.

O that they would say and continue to say to You, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from You. You are my chosen portion and my cup; You hold my lot.” May they set You always before them; trusting that because You are at their right hand, they shall not be shaken. Please make known to them the path of life; that in Your presence there is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures evermore.

Wondrously show Your steadfast love to them, O Savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at Your right hand. Keep them as the apple of Your eye; hide them in the shadow of Your wings. May they behold Your face in righteousness; when they awake, may they be satisfied with Your likeness. Praise the LORD! (Psalm 11, 13, 16, 17).

All-sufficient King,

May You answer these dear children in the day of trouble! May Your great Name, God of Jacob, protect them! Grant them their hearts’ desire and fulfill all their plans! May they shout for joy over Your salvation, and in the name of their God set up their banners! May You fulfill all their petitions.

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but let *them* trust in the name of the LORD their God. Make them glad with the joy of Your presence. Be exalted, O LORD, in Your strength! Let them sing and praise Your power.

When trouble is near and there is none to help, be not far from them. For You, O LORD, are their Shepherd; they shall not want. Please make them to lie down in green pastures. Lead them beside still waters. Restore their souls. And by grace, lead them in paths of righteousness for Your Name’s sake.

Even when they walk through the valley of the shadow of death, let them fear no evil, for You are with them; with Your rod and Your staff comfort them. May goodness and mercy follow them all the days of their lives, that James and Jude may dwell in Your house forever. AMEN (Psalm 20 & 23).

Living God,

Remember these wonderful children even in their low estate, for Your steadfast love endures forever. Though James and Jude walk in the midst of trouble, preserve their lives; stretch out Your hand against the wrath of their enemies and deliver them. Please fulfill Your purposes for them; Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of Your hands.

O LORD, search them and know them! Hem them in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon them.

I praise You, for they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are Your works; my soul knows it very well. Their frames were not hidden from You, when they were being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw their unformed substance; in Your book were written the days that were formed for them, when as yet there were none of them.

Therefore, be the confidence of these children! The Almighty LORD of heaven and earth will accomplish what is best as His children. Let them faint not and be not downcast but cause them to sleep in Your gracious providence, for when they awake You are still with them. AMEN (Psalm 138 & 139).

O LORD my God,

Please make level the path of James and Jude; for You make the way of the righteous level. In the path of Your judgments, O LORD, let them wait for You; may Your name and remembrance be the desire of their souls. Make their souls yearn for You in the night; cause their spirits within them to earnestly seek You. For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness.

O LORD, ordain peace for them; do for them all their works. Even though other lords besides You may rule over them, let them bring Your name alone to remembrance.

You have made them a pleasant vineyard, a vineyard of wine; I will sing of them! Let them trust You, for You, the LORD, are their keeper; every moment You water them. You keep them night and day; may they lay hold of Your protection. In the days to come let them blossom and put forth shoots and fill the whole world with fruit. AMEN (Isaiah 26 & 27).

O LORD of hosts, God of Israel,

You are enthroned above the cherubim, You are the God, You alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; You have made heaven and earth; You have made these children. Incline Your ear, O LORD, and hear; open Your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of those who mock You, the living God. Truly, O LORD, there are many who desire to lay waste all the fruit of these children's hands. In their wickedness they have destroyed others and cast their gods into the fire—the work of men's hands, wood and stone. So now, O LORD my God, save them from their hands, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that You alone are the LORD. Please defend them to save them, for Your own sake.

Please, O LORD, remember James and Jude and cause them to walk before You in faithfulness and with whole hearts, and to do what is good in Your sight. May they trust that it is for their welfare when they have great bitterness; let them praise You and hope for Your faithfulness.

In love, please deliver their lives from the pit of destruction and cast all their sins behind Your back.

Let them thank You, O LORD, as I do this day; let them make known to their children Your faithfulness. For it is You who will save us, and we will play music on stringed instruments all the days of our lives, at the house of the LORD. AMEN (Isaiah 37 & 38).

Ruler of heaven and earth,

Please keep these precious children! Answer them and help them; let them not hunger or thirst and may neither scorching wind nor sun strike them. Have pity on them and lead them, and by springs of water guide them.

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted these children and will have compassion on their affliction.

I praise You that You have not forsaken them; You have not forgotten them. Even a woman may forget her nursing child, yet You will not forget these children of yours. Assure them of this, and let them know that You are the LORD; those who wait for You shall not be put to shame. Fight for James and Jude; contend with those who contend with them. Then all flesh shall know that You are the LORD their Savior, and their Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. AMEN (Isaiah 49).

God of Jacob,

Raise up James and Jude to live in the fear of You, so that they may dawn on their own children like the morning light, like the sun shining forth on a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth.

Thank You that You have shown great and steadfast love to them; cause them to walk before You in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart. Please keep for them this great and steadfast love.

Give them understanding minds that they may discern between good and evil. Grant them wise and discerning minds, so that they may walk in Your ways, keeping Your statutes and Your commandments. For there is no God like You, O LORD, in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and showing steadfast love to Your servants who walk before You with all their hearts. Behold, heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain You, yet have regard to the prayer of Your servant and my plea, O LORD, my God, listening to the cry and to the prayer that Your servant prays before You this day on behalf of these children. Let them fear You all the days that they live, and may they shine forth the greatness of Your name, Your mighty hand, and Your outstretched arm. AMEN (II Samuel 23, I Kings 3, 8).

LORD of hosts,

Guard James and Jude from those who draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, who draw sin as with cart ropes. Protect them from those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! There are many who are wise in their own eyes, and shrewd in their own sight; let them not be found among them. Make them stand firm and humble in the midst of those who are heroes at drinking wine, who acquit the guilty for a bribe, and deprive the innocent of his right. For they have rejected Your law, and have despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore, their root will be as rottenness, and their blossom will go up like dust.

Cause these children, sing the words of the seraphim. “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory!” Behold, In Christ their guilt is taken away, and their sins atoned for. Therefore, cause them to now rejoice when their eyes see You, the King, the LORD of hosts.

Help them to remain firm in faith, O LORD. For if they are not firm in faith, they will not be firm at all. And let them not fear what the world fears, nor be in dread. But You, O LORD of hosts—may they regard You as holy. May You be their fear, and may You be their dread. AMEN (Isaiah 5, 6, 7, 8).