

## Pushing Back the Darkness: Scripture Prayers for Walking in the Light



Heavenly Father, we are so grateful that You said, “Let light shine out of darkness.” You made Your light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Christ (2 Cor. 4:6). Jesus, truly You *are* the **light of the world**, the radiance and splendor of God’s glory! (John 8:12, Heb. 1:3). You brought life and immortality to light through the gospel (2 Tim. 1:10). Your light shone in the darkness, but darkness has not understood it. People love darkness instead of light because their deeds are evil (John 1:4, 3:19).

We are aware that the god of this age has **blinded** the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of Christ (2 Cor. 4:4). Their thinking has become futile and their foolish hearts are darkened (Rom.1:21). In our dark world we now see the acts of the sinful nature: sexual immorality, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, discord, jealousy, selfish ambition, envy, and more (Gal. 5:19-21). We understand, however, that our struggle is not against people, but against the rulers and powers of this dark world, against the **spiritual forces of evil** in the heavenly realms (Eph. 6:12). Please open the eyes of people who hear Your Word and turn them from darkness and Satan’s power to Your light and forgiveness (Acts 26:18).

We fix our eyes not on what is seen and temporary, but on what is unseen and eternal (2 Cor. 4:18). As Christ followers, we put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the full **armor of God**, the armor of light, so that in the day of evil, we may be able to stand our ground (Rom. 13:12, Eph. 6:13). We submit to You, God. We **resist** the devil, and he will flee from us. Please cleanse and purify our hearts as we humble ourselves before You. We ask You to lift us up (James 4:7-10).

Father God, thank You for **rescuing us** from the dominion of darkness and bringing us into the kingdom of light! Through Your Son we now have redemption and forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:12,13). As we share this truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, please open doors for us that no one can shut (Rev. 3:8).

Jesus, because we follow You, the Light of the world, we will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life (John 8:12). As we **live by the truth, we come into the light** (John 3:21). Help us to live as children of light, that others may see the fruit of the light in our lives--goodness, righteousness, and truth. We resolve to have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather to expose them (Eph. 5:8-10)!

Gracious God, we seek to have fellowship with You in whom there is no darkness at all. We realize that we sometimes veer off the path into darkness. But we are grateful that, if we confess our sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. We are thankful for the blood of Jesus that purifies us from all unrighteousness. Then we can continue to **walk in the light** with You and fellowship with You (1 John 1:5-9).

Help us to remember that those claiming to be in the light are actually in darkness if they hate their brother. So we strive to live in the light, **loving** our brothers and sisters in word and deed. Then there is nothing in us to make us stumble (1 John 2:9-10). May we let our **light shine** before everyone, that they may see our good deeds and praise You, our Heavenly Father (Matt.5:16). With Your light, we will shine like stars in the universe as we hold out the word of life (Phil.2:15,16).