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**Teach \_\_\_\_\_ to trust in you.** Psalm 21:7, “For the king trusts in the LORD; through the unfailing love of the Most High he will not be shaken.”

**Protect \_\_\_\_\_ from the influence of the evil one.** 2 Thess 3:3 says, “The Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.”

**Give \_\_\_\_\_ discretion, foresight, and understanding in making decisions.** David said to his son Solomon in 1 Chronicles 22:12, “May the LORD give you discretion and understanding when he puts you in command over Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God.”

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**Enable \_\_\_\_\_ to carry out his/her duties with humility toward you and toward others.** 1 Peter 5:5, “All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.”

**Give \_\_\_\_\_ the courage to do the right thing even when urged to do the wrong thing.** Proverbs 2:11-15, “Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. Wisdom will save you from the ways of wicked men, from men whose words are perverse, who leave the straight paths to walk in dark ways, who delight in doing wrong and rejoice in the perverseness of evil, whose paths are crooked and who are devious in their ways.”

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