



## Powerful Prayers During the Halloween Season

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**1. Isn't Halloween just an innocent pastime?** - Decades ago, children would dress up in cute costumes and it was a time of make-believe. They would safely go around their neighborhood getting candy. Then people started passing out candy with razor blades or laced with drugs. Now there's fentanyl made to look like candy. All crimes increase 17% (vandalism, theft, drunk driving, break-ins, etc.) and violent crime increases 50%. Also, through the years, the costumes have become darker, more demonic. **Pray against these harmful actions, that the perpetrators are caught, and that no children or teens'll be hurt nor kidnapped and no pets stolen.** Why is Halloween getting worse? Actually, Halloween's never been harmless.

**2. What is the true history of Halloween?** - History traces it back to the ancient religion of the Druids. The American People's Encyclopedia explains: "The origin of Halloween customs antedate Christianity. The Druids, a member of pagan orders in Britain, Ireland and Gaul, held a celebration on October 31st, the eve of the Festival of Samhain." Samhain was the lord of the dead. Samhain is either a demon of death or Satan himself. That's why there is so much emphasis on death - mummies, tombstones, skeletons, etc. It is the supreme night of demonic jubilation." While American children celebrate it "just for fun," Satanists and witches gather to perform rituals and cast spells. Some occultists offer animal and human sacrifices. Pray against these satanic activities, that no humans or animals will be hurt. In Jesus' name!

**3. When are the occultic high days?** - Mark these days on your prayer calendar and pray against all occultic activities! These are the most important days when sacrifices are done:

- A. Every full moon
- B. **Halloween is the highest time of the year for occultic practices.** Halloween is considered to be Satan's birthday. Frequently it is called "Harvest Feast." The rituals and sacrifices to be celebrated this time of the year are not just on Halloween night. **They run from October 15th through November 15th.**
- C. Ash Wednesday, Easter, and Christmas - some occultists aim to desecrate Christian holidays
- D. Solstices and equinoxes - spring, summer, fall, and winter.
- E. New Year's Eve (at midnight) and New Year's Day

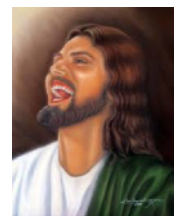


**4. What does Christian whole-heartedly participation in Halloween do?** - It sends a message to our children and others that it's ok to dabble in and get close to "the dark side," witchcraft, Satanism, and the occult; that they are harmless. But we are tempting them to become intrigued and tantalized by the very things that God hates and warns us to keep away from. God's Word says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil" (1 Thessalonians 5:22). God says that to protect us from the deceptions and temptations of the occult and from the powers of Satan. **Pray that Americans, especially Christians, wake up to the drawing, tempting power of Halloween and its demonic activities, repent, and renounce them, in Jesus' name!**

**5. Isn't it the eve of All Saints Day?** Some may support Halloween by saying it is the eve of All Saints' Day. Man, Myth, and Magic, a twenty-four volume encyclopedia of the supernatural, says that the Roman Catholic Church tried to 'Christianize' the original pagan holiday by moving the Festival of All Hallows' or All Saint's Day to the day after The Festival of Samhain (*a demonic holiday*). Man may have changed its name, but Satan was not fooled.

**6. How can Christians please God at Halloween?** "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Colossians 3:17). **Pray that Christians sincerely ask God for direction for their family.**

- A. Some Christians refuse to do anything to recognize Halloween.
- B. Others say, "God made 365 days a year and I am not going to let Satan have even one of them! This is a great time to spread the gospel!" These Christians give out candy and tracts (often Chick tracts) in order to witness to children, teens, and adults and to get the gospel into their hands, sometimes even warning them about the occult. Others have events called, "Light the Night." Go to their website for info.



- C. Still other Christians have “Harvest Parties” where children can wear gospel costumes or costumes that are “cute” and are not scary, nor demonic.  
 \* **Be sure that you find out what your pastor says as their opinions do differ.**

**7. What should all Christians do at Halloween? Pray alone or with a prayer group.**

**A. Praise and worship** -- binds demonic nobles' powers, brings the presence of God (Psalm 22:3), builds our faith, deepens our love, executes judgments on demonic powers (Psalm 149:6-9), and changes the spiritual atmosphere.



**B. Pray for ourselves and for others** -- (Philippians 4:6)

- 1) **Repent of any involvement we may have had** in any occultic activities;
- 2) **Renounce these sins:** astrology, palm reading, seances, occultic games;
- 3) **Repent for our nation and churches**, ask the Lord's forgiveness for our blindness;
- 4) **Ask God to help us teach our children** that horror, violent, and occultic movies and TV shows are dangerous and sinful;

**Ask God to help our children and youth see and discern** that Ouija boards, Dungeons & Dragons, tarot cards, astrology, fortune tellers, etc. are occultic, evil, and are forbidden by God. At a Christian university, I was invited to play with a Ouija board. I sat down, discerned the evil, was shocked, told my friends, “This is evil!,” got up, and left the room. **Pray that those dabbling in the occult will have spiritual discernment.**

**C. Intercession** -- standing in the gap, praying powerfully on an ongoing basis for others (1 Timothy 2:1). **1) Declare God's Word**, the Bible and His promises/prophecies, over others;

- 2) **Ask God for a hedge of protection** for our children, innocent people, and our pets;
- 3) **Pray for help to train our children** to keep away from all of these activities;
- 4) **Intercede for our nation** to repent of the occult, New Age, satanism, witchcraft, etc. activities;
- 5) **Fast and pray for God to protect and deliver** potential human and animal sacrifices;
- 6) **Bind these demons, release God's power and fire, and ask God to deploy warrior and ministering angels** to loose and deliver those who are bound, and those who are involved, all in Jesus' name! (Matthew 18:18).

**D. Praying in the spirit** -- deep prayer either in our own language, or in tongues (Mark 16:17), or with groanings that cannot be uttered (Romans 8:26), as the Holy Spirit leads you to pray. **Pray that God will reveal the demonic strongmen, their teachings/philosophies, so they may be bound and their strongholds torn down, in Jesus' name!** (2 Corinthians 10:4).

**E. Spiritual Warfare** - This includes “binding” spiritual powers and strongholds and “loosing” blessings and grace from God (Matthew 16:19). “Wrestling against principalities and rulers of the darkness of this world” (Ephesians 6:12) - This prayer can be for deliverance of those people Satan has blinded. Then we need to lead them to Christ. “... pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God” (2 Corinthians 10:4-5). **We need to pray that we can help others see the dangers of the occult. Let's pray against peoples' involvement with those rap or other songs that promote violence, voodoo, witchcraft, or satanism. Pray against drugs, which often are used as doorways to Satan's purposes, and abortion which he promotes.**

**F. Travail is a deeper, much more powerful level of praying in the spirit.** - The Holy Spirit anoints you and prays through you. Travail is often required for strongholds to be pulled down, an individual to be delivered, before a revival, or before many souls can be saved. Sometimes, before we can give birth to a miracle, we must travail or be in labor.

**G. Corporate Prayer Walk** - I was previously involved with a prayer group that met every morning at 6:00 for the whole month of October. Why? **We wanted to bind the powers of darkness at Halloween time.** On several mornings, we even met at 4:30 to **prayer walk** through the Haight area of San Francisco, an area that is full of the occult. We were binding Satan and his plans for Halloween, tearing down strongholds, deploying God's angels, and loosing the people. The morning after Halloween, I listened to the news. I also read the newspaper. Both said that the police had reported, “Halloween was strangely quiet” that year. **Thank You, Jesus!**

**8. Yes! Yes! Yes! Prayer does work. God does answer prayer!** He has given us power over Satan. “Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions (*demons*), and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). Arise, you mighty army of God. Let's obey God and go to battle. Rejoice, God has given us the battle over Halloween, Satan, witches, and the occult, ... **when we PRAY!**

