

**Friday, February 15  
Psalm 121**

**Help from the Lord**

**The internet stores are ready to sell you a guardian - burglar alarm, knife, dog, gun, exterminator. They'll guard.**

**If those seem a tad aggressive, maybe you'll go for the sunscreening glass, the child safety window insert, a bell the Coast Guard uses to warn travelers, or some insurance. They'll guard.**

**Or maybe you're ready for the mattress, the shower door, or any manner of security services. They'll guard.**

God's your Guardian,

**Hmm - no guns, no knives, no dog, not tinted glass, no mattress - how can God guard?**

GOD guards you from every evil,  
he guards your very life.

He guards you when you leave and when you return,  
he guards you now, he guards you always.

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**Peterson's translation of Psalm 121 only uses this one word to describe God - guard, guardian. How does God guard?**

**There's a tiny red light on one panel. There's a weensy green one on an appliance. When I'm meandering through the dark house on a moonless night, they guard me from falling down the steps, tripping over the furniture, hitting a door. They guard by guiding.**

When my brother-in-law takes us camping and lights the fire, we can walk into the woods, run for the outhouse, hide in the tent - but we always come back to the fire. We can't stay away. It draws us to the center and holds us.

As does God. Most 'things that guard' seem to borders, boundaries, barriers, bulwarks, battlements, boxes to keep the dangers out. God is the center, the power, the focus, the light, the source, the power, the attracting force that pulls us back to being who God made us to be - God's children. Thank you, God.

A Way to Pray – Light a candle

- Watch it
- Thank God . . . for guarding you