Hear this benediction and prayer of protection for your spirit —

for you to hold above all things your identity as a disciple of Jesus Christ:

When others hate, may you love.

When others curse, may you bless.

When others hurt, may you heal.

When others divide, may you unite.

When others rage, may you calm.

When others deny, may you affirm.

You are a servant of the light.

You need not be afraid of darkness.

God strengthen you to carry on with your work
and faithfully live who you are in Christ:

Love for stranger, love for enemy, love for neighbor. Amen.

Based on a prayer by Steven Charleston,
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