

“GOD IS OUR COMFORTER” DEVOTIONAL & PRAYER

This week our prayer focuses on God Who is our "*Comforter*". He is the One Who consoles, reassures, helps and assists us.

It comes from our Prayer Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all *comfort*, Who *comforts* us in all our troubles, so that we can *comfort* those in any trouble with the *comfort* we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our *comfort* abounds through Christ."

Our encouragement from this verse is first of all a reminder from the apostle Paul at the very beginning, that no matter what we see or feel as we watch what is going on in our lives or our loved ones' lives, that we must turn our own gaze to our *comforting* Heavenly Father and give Him praise for Who He is. He is God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the One Who is able to do all that needs to be done able to draw us and our loved ones to Him. He is the Father of compassion and *all comfort* for all of us. His compassion and *comfort* for us is so great, that no matter what we have done in the past or whatever we may be facing today in all of life's trials, He looks at us in love and mercy and offers us forgiveness where needed and *perfect comfort* for whatever trials we may be facing as we walk this road called "life." His *comfort* is not just the kind that only touches the area that we knowingly struggle in, but the perfect kind of *comfort* that He knows we all need that reaches deep within our souls and touches the very threads of our being. He consoles us there, reassures us there, helps us there and assists us in all those things we need so that we can pass through those trials of life and come through them stronger, wiser and with a deeper relationship with Him, full of joy, peace and hope. We also become better equipped to *comfort* those who we know are struggling with the same struggles we have faced and are able to offer them the same *comfort* we have received from Christ. When God's Spirit lives in us, we may also suffer with Him through ridicule or persecution because the world does not know Him, but we also share in His great and boundless *comfort* He gives us in all our trials. It is a gift He freely and generously offers to His children. So, let us pray that we and our loved ones will receive this gift and be empowered to live lives with Him! Let us pray:

"Dear Heavenly Father, we humbly bow before Your throne in our hearts and praise You for being our "*Comforter*". O Lord, may we and ...

(names of those you are praying for)

praise you for being the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of *all comfort*, Who *comforts* us in all our troubles, so that we can *comfort* those in any trouble with the *comfort* we ourselves receive from You. For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our *comfort* abounds through Christ. May we recognize our need for You and humble our hearts before your mighty throne. May our hope be in You all day long. Father, we were yours before we were ever anyone else's and we trust in You that You will do this for us as we humbly ask, all for the glory of Your name. In Your precious Son's name, Jesus, we pray, Amen.