

Prayer For People Who Are Suffering

Dear Jesus,

Your Word tells us that You are close to the broken-hearted and that You rescue those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18) So Lord, we come to You on behalf of those who are suffering.

Jesus, we know that You have a plan and a purpose for everything, even trial and hardship. And we know that, even in the midst of our painful circumstances, You are still a good Father to us. But it can be so hard to remember that in the face of our suffering. Father, in Your mercy, draw near to those who suffer. Help them to feel a special closeness to You. Reveal Yourself to them in a powerful and tangible way. When they feel that they cannot hold on any longer, would You remind them that You are holding onto them, and that You will never leave them nor forsake them. (Hebrews 13:5)

Father, You are a refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. (Psalm 46:1) We pray that You would surround those who are under attack, with Your powerful presence. Stand guard over them and protect them from the evil one who would seek to destroy them.

Jesus, You are our greatest source of comfort. You long to gather Your children as a mother hen gathers her chicks and holds them tenderly and safely beneath her wings. (Matthew 23:37) We pray that the hurting would feel Your tenderness as You gather them unto Yourself. Help them feel safe and secure in the comfort of Your embrace.

We pray, Father, that in accordance with Your perfect will and Your perfect timing, that You would replace their sorrow with joy. Though their afflictions may be many, we ask Lord, that You would deliver them out of them all. (Psalm 34:19) Be their light and their salvation so that they have nothing to fear. (Psalm 27:1)

And most of all God, we pray that You would wipe away all tears from their eyes. Remind them that a time is coming when there shall be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for all former things will pass away but You Oh God, will remain. (Revelation 21:4)

We pray this in Your precious name, Jesus, Amen.