

WORDS TO PRAY CONCERNING THE SUFFERING INFLICTED BY THE WICKED

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**The following words to pray are for those who are faint of heart concerning the ritualistic abuse perpetrated against the weak and vulnerable. We must shift our hearts from distress and fear into hope and promise. Armed with God's Word, we can face the evil that is before us with a secure faith in the Lord.*

**The prayers are stated in first person but can easily be changed to pray over someone else.*

WORDS TO OVERCOME PAIN AND SUFFERING

Psalms 10:17

O Lord, You hear the desire of the afflicted; You will strengthen their heart; You will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed, so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Strengthen the hearts of those who are suffering, Lord. You know the wicked acts being done against the weak and the vulnerable. Intervene on behalf of those who are trapped and let them know You are working on their release! Do away with those who bring terror to men's souls and let them know their days are numbered!

Psalms 22:24

For He has not despised or scorned the suffering of the afflicted one; He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.

Forgive me, Lord, when I have doubted Your love and care over those who are suffering. You see everything and know all who have cried to You in their distress. Thank You for working on their behalf in ways I cannot see or understand. I know You are a loving Father and are continually working all things for the good of those who look to You.

Psalms 34:18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Thank You, Lord, for Your overshadowing presence in the lives of those who are broken and crushed in spirit. Thank You for saving those who are unable to move forward on their own. May Your presence increase in tangible ways to those who are hurting so that they will know of Your incredible love and desire to redeem and restore.

Psalms 107:19-20

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, and He saved them from their distress. He sent out His word and healed them; He rescued them from the grave.

You are more than able to heal and restore all those who have been abused and inflicted, Lord! You can rescue those who have a spirit of death hovering over them and bring them back to life! Your saving power is more than enough to redeem those who have suffered and show them the power of resurrection life.

Isaiah 40:29-31

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

For those who are weak and weary, Lord, give them extra strength to persevere. Speak to their hearts and minds and let them know You are with them and watching over them. Show them Your truth and Your ability to turn everything evil into something good for Your glory and for their blessing. Give them a reason to hope again.

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand.

Father, for those You have called to be a lifeline for others, Your Word says it may entail some suffering and heartache. But, where the enemy wants to destroy us through these trials, You want to purify us so that we can receive the fullness of Your blessing. Just as Jesus was steadfast through His suffering, help me to remain faithful. Thank You for prolonging my days so I can see the answers to my prayers. Thank You that my victory will impact my children and their children for years to come. Thank You for prospering my life as I determine to trust You in the midst of the pain.

Isaiah 53:11

After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied.

Jesus, You set the perfect example of persevering through suffering and receiving the victor's crown. May I have the same vision to see the light and life that will come as the result of Your sovereign work. Help me to see the good things that will come through these hard times so that I can endure with patience and absolute peace.

Jeremiah 29:11-14

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the Lord, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile."

Regardless of how things look, Lord, I trust in Your plans! I reaffirm Your heart to prosper Your children and to give them a hope and a future. I stand on this promise and ask that You answer the cries of those

who are suffering and show them Your love and concern. Stir their hope in Your Word and in Your determination to use everything in their life to bring them to a place of blessing and abundance.

Malachi 4:2

But for you who revere My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves.

Lord, bring healing to all who have been hurt and abused by the wicked. Your healing power is supernatural and able to touch every part of the human soul, mind, and body. Especially for the most vulnerable, may their healing be so complete that they will regain any years lost and be filled to overflowing with joy and vitality.

Matthew 26:39

Going a little farther, He fell with His face to the ground and prayed, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from Me. Yet not as I will, but as You will.”

Thank You, Jesus, for showing us Your humanity in the midst of pain and turmoil. There is no shame in wanting a way out of suffering. And yet, You yielded Your will to Your Father, knowing that His love was greater than any temporary pain, and His purposes higher than any earthly plan. I surrender my life to You, Lord, and to Your perfect will. Nothing is greater than to know my life is in Your hands!

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.

For those whose lives have been impacted by evil deeds from the wicked, I pray that they will be fully vindicated and receive full retribution for their suffering. Give them life and life abundant, Lord! Hold back nothing that is good and pure for those You will rescue and redeem. With You, all things are possible!

Romans 5:3-5

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

Thank You, Lord, for using suffering to purify us and bring us to completion. Thank You for Your perfect love which does nothing without a redeeming purpose. I know I can face various sufferings because You are using all of it to show us Your absolute power over the works of darkness!! My hope is not in the circumstances or in fleshly understanding, but in Your great love which conquers every sin and every form of evil.

Hebrews 5:7

During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission.

Thank You, Lord, that You hear my cries for help. Thank You for listening to me when I am in anguish and don't know what to do. Thank You for honoring my petitions and showing me the way through difficult times. I trust You with my life and know that my obedience will bring great blessing.

Hebrews 5:8 (ESV)

Although He was a son, He learned obedience through what He suffered. And being made perfect, He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, being designated by God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

Father, I know You are a good God who takes Your children through hardship for great and mighty purposes. You desire to sanctify us and to mold us into the likeness of Your Son. Even when You lead us through painful times, You are perfecting us and preparing us for great glories to come. Thank You for Your grace to take us through so we can come out the other side with great reward!

Hebrews 10:36

For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Give me greater endurance, Lord, to walk through difficult times and painful circumstances. Help me to follow Your lead and trust in Your unwavering plan to fulfill Your promises. I receive Your grace to walk through the unknown with the full assurance of Your provision and Your power to overcome. Thank You for the promises that are going to be fulfilled!

Hebrews 12:2-3

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Give me Your eyes, Jesus, to see the glory ahead! I want to walk in the same joy that You had when You went to the cross. Thank You for showing us how we can have joy in the midst of the pain because of the mighty work You are accomplishing through it! Thank You for the victory ahead when the evil and vile deeds of the enemy will be vanquished and undone! I will not be ashamed or fearful of these trials, but praise You in the midst of them!

Philippians 2:8-9

And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted Him to the highest place and gave Him the name that is above every name.

Jesus, even You had to be obedient to Your Father in heaven. Even at the cost of Your own life, You trusted Your Father with the outcome. As a result, Your obedience gave You victory over death and made provision for all mankind to defeat the enemy. There is no other name as mighty as Yours! May I follow Your example and be obedient, even when it costs me. I know that You will bring great blessing as a result of my surrender.

James 1:2-4

Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Instead of dreading this process of refinement, Lord, or fearing its outcome, I rejoice in what You are doing! Thank You for molding us and shaping us as Your sons and daughters into a pure reflection of You. Rather than being anxious about these trials and testing, I submit to Your sanctifying work. Thank You for loving me enough to challenge my faith and teach me the hard lessons I need to learn.

1 Peter 1:6-7

In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith, of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire, may result in praise, glory, and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

I will not be anxious about these trials, Lord, but yield to Your process of strengthening our faith. Though I do not always understand what You are doing, I believe that You are using everything for our good and for Your glory. I look forward to the future testimonies that will reveal how You brought gold out of the ashes and joy out of the suffering.

Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and He will dwell with them. They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

Thank You, God, that earthly sorrows are nothing when compared with Your glory to come! Thank You for the coming day when every tear shed, and every pain felt will be overshadowed by the power of Your magnificent presence. Thank You for Your love which will erase any and all damage and trauma experienced here on the earth. The power of Your love is so much greater than any earthly suffering!

WORDS FOR GOD'S DEALINGS WITH THE WICKEDPsalms 9:12

For He who avenges blood is mindful of them; He does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

You, O Lord, are the righteous Judge who hears the cry of the afflicted. For those who shed innocent blood, Your zeal for justice is unwavering and Your determination to bring them to account is without fail! Thank You for the coming day when all who have brought violence to the innocent will meet Your judgment and final pronouncement of their fate.

Psalms 37:1

Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

Forgive me, Lord, when I worry about those who do evil and wonder if they will prevail. Forgive me when I think they have the upper hand. You see from on high and know that their days are numbered and their fate is secure. Regardless of what they seem to get away with, there is a soon and coming day when they will be gone. They will die away and their deeds will be rendered null and void. They will answer to You, the final Judge of all things, and pay for the crimes they've committed.

Psalms 55:23

But You, God, will bring down the wicked into the pit of decay; the bloodthirsty and deceitful will not live out half their days. But as for me, I trust in You.

I place my trust in You, God, and not in the news or mainstream reports of the supposed success of evil doers. You have said they will not live out their schemes. Thank You for cutting their days short and stopping the bloodlust they practice. My trust is in You, alone, for You are the rightful Judge.

Psalms 94:18-23

When I said, "My foot is slipping," Your unfailing love, Lord, supported me. When anxiety was great within me, Your consolation brought me joy. Can a corrupt throne be allied with You - a throne that brings on misery by its decrees? The wicked band together against the righteous and condemn the innocent to death. But the Lord has become my fortress, and my God the rock in whom I take refuge. He will repay them for their sins and destroy them for their wickedness; the Lord our God will destroy them.

Your love, O Lord, is greater than any doubt or fear. When my heart becomes anxious, come and overshadow me with Your presence. You grant me joy in knowing that no one who does evil will get away with their plans. You will repay them for their sins and destroy works they have done. Thank You for already determining their fate and sealing their destiny.

Psalms 97:3-3

Fire goes before Him and consumes His foes on every side. His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The heavens proclaim His righteousness, and all peoples see His glory.

Your holiness is like a burning fire, Lord, and it consumes all who dare to defy it. May the holiness of Your presence be tangible to those who oppose you and defile Your name through vile and corrupt acts. May all of creation witness how powerful You are and how passionate You are to defend the integrity of Your Word and the validity of Your throne!

Proverbs 1:29-32

Since they hated knowledge and did not choose to fear the Lord. Since they would not accept My advice and spurned My rebuke, they will eat the fruit of their ways and be filled with the fruit of their schemes.

Because they have refused You as God, may the godless reap the fruit of what they have sown. May that which they have done to oppress others come back on their heads as payment for their rebellion. May they know that You alone are God and will not allow them to practice their magic without cost.

Proverbs 5:22

The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast.

According to Your Word, sin bears a price. Because the wicked have forsaken Your Word and spun their own web of deceit and corruption, they will get ensnared in their sin and become entangled in their own wrongdoings. God, may they see that this is the cost of deliberately refusing Your Lordship and the price of practicing evil. May they have no one to blame but themselves.

Isaiah 35:4

Say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, He will come with vengeance; with divine retribution He will come to save you."

Thank You, God, for Your plans to avenge the cause of Your children. Your plan to rescue and save those who are being attacked without cause is sure. Not only are You coming to bring down the wicked, You are coming to reward those who have withstood the time of trial. Thank You for Your unwavering commitment to save, heal, and restore!

Isaiah 59:17-18

He put on righteousness as His breastplate, and the helmet of salvation on His head; He put on the garments of vengeance and wrapped Himself in zeal as in a cloak. According to what they have done, so will He repay wrath to His enemies and retribution to His foes; He will repay the islands their due.

You wear the mantle of justice and vindication, Lord, and have already promised to pour out Your wrath on the wicked. You are watching all that they do and are preparing to repay them for all they have done. I will not fret at their agendas or worry about their plans because You have already determined their fate. Thank You that in the midst of suffering, You show us the end result. You are Lord and King and will save Your own, bringing justice and liberty to all who are oppressed.

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

As hard as it is, Lord, I pray for these enemies who do harm to others. I pray that Your presence would overshadow them and cause them to turn from the devil's schemes and follow after You. Guard my heart from a spirit of hatred towards individuals so I can focus my prayers on the works of darkness. Separate the sin from the sinner so my prayers will be effective, and my heart remain pure. Fill me with Your love, even for those who do wrong, so that You can have full sway and do what You alone can do.

Romans 2:8-10

But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger. There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile; but glory, honor, and peace for everyone who does good: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Father, You do not look lightly on sin. For those who reject Your truth and follow their own ways, Your anger and judgment will fall. Though You do not delight in punishment, Your Word is final. May the consequences of our words and deeds cause all to know the true fear of the Lord.

Galatians 6:7-9

Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Thank You for your law of sowing and reaping, Lord. For just as evil people have sown violence and murder in the earth, so will they reap their own destruction. May they see what they are doing and repent of their sins. May those who refuse, experience the consequences of sin and the cost of defying Your name. Even in their demise, may Your name be honored, and the fear of the Lord be manifest.

2 Peter 2:9-10a

If this is so, then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials and to hold the unrighteous for punishment on the day of judgment. This is especially true of those who follow the corrupt desire of the flesh and despise authority.

You say You will deliver the godly from trials and rescue them from their distress! Thank You for the plans You made ahead of time to redeem Your own. I will not give in to any idea that the wicked will win or that their destruction will last. You have already determined their judgment. Thank You for Your sovereign plan that assures us our victory and our validation.

Revelation 19:15-16

Coming out of His mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh, He has this name written: King of kings and Lord of lords.

There is coming a day, Lord, when You will trumpet that Your Word is the highest and final authority on the earth. It is the power of the Living Word that will strike down every nation that has set itself against You. You alone wear the Champion's crown and have the right to rule over the earth with the scepter of righteousness. There is no enemy that will withstand that day. Thank You, Jesus! Amen.

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