



# God is Your *Comforter*

*Helping Bereaved Families  
Overcome Grief*

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# GOD'S COMFORTING WORD IN GRIEF

Nothing comforts us more than the Word of God during times of grief and bereavement of a loved one, friend, or acquaintance. We pray that these scriptures give you comfort, peace, joy, and strength as you read and meditate on them.



## COMFORT

- God is with us when we go through difficulties and fiery trials (*Isaiah 43:2 KJV*).
- As we trust God, our hearts do not have to be troubled (*John 14:1 KJV*).
- As we cast our burdens of grief on the Lord, He will sustain us (*Psalms 55:22 KJV*).
- We do not have to walk in fear because God is with us & will strengthen us (*Isaiah 41:10 KJV*).
- God comforts us whenever we mourn (*Isaiah 57:18 KJV; Isaiah 66:13a KJV*).
- God gives us joy and causes us to rejoice even in mourning and sorrow (*Jeremiah 31:13b; Matthew 5:4 KJV*).
- God will never abandon us or leave us (*John 14:16, 18 KJV*).
- God gives us peace during tribulation (*John 16:33 KJV*).
- God comforts us in all troubles (*2 Corinthians 1:3-5 KJV*).
- God gives us the ability to live in peace (*2 Corinthians 13:11 KJV*).

## TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS

- We are strong and courageous and will not be afraid because the Lord is with us wherever we go (*Joshua 1:9 KJV*).
- The Lord delivers and rescues us out of every trouble (*Psalms 34:19 KJV*).
- God is faithful and will not allow us to be tested beyond our ability to handle it (*1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV*).
- God causes us to always be victorious in Christ (*2 Corinthians 2:14 KJV*).
- We will not be moved or shaken by the affliction of grief (*1 Thessalonians 3:7 KJV*).
- Our God rescues us out of all affliction (*2 Timothy 3:11 KJV*).
- When we are tried and tested during fiery trials, our faith will bring us through it (*1 Peter 1:6-7 NLT*).
- God gives us joy in fiery trials (*1 Peter 4:12-13 KJV*).
- God makes us overcomers through our faith (*1 John 5:4-5 KJV*).

## PEACE

- God causes us to lie down at night in peace to sleep as we trust Him (*Psalms 4:8 KJV*).
- God blesses us with peace in our grief (*Psalms 29:11 KJV*).
- God delivers our souls from any battle against us (*Psalms 55:18 KJV*).
- God speaks peace to all His people (*Psalms 85:8 KJV*).

- We let peace rule our hearts in grief (*Colossians 3:15 KJV*).
- God gives us a peace that people do not understand (*Philippians 4:6-7 KJV*).
- God keeps our hearts and minds when we grieve (*Philippians 4:7 KJV*).
- God gives us perfect peace when our minds are stayed on Him (*Isaiah 26:3 KJV*).
- God fills us with joy and peace (*Romans 15:13 KJV*).

## **JOY**

- Weeping may endure for a moment, but joy comes in the morning (*Psalms 30:5 KJV*).
- The joy of the Lord is our strength (*Nehemiah 8:10 KJV*).
- God will cause our joy to be full and remain in us (*John 15:1 KJV*).
- We count it all joy when we go through trials (*James 1:2 KJV*).

## **STRENGTH**

- As we trust and wait on God, the Lord increases and renews our strength (*Isaiah 40:29-31 KJV*).
- God gives His strength and power to us (*Psalms 68:35 KJV*).
- God's arm strengthens us (*Psalms 89:21 KJV*).
- The Lord is faithful to us (*2 Thessalonians 3:3 KJV*).
- As we trust the Lord, He will be our strength and shield (*Psalms 28:7 KJV*).
- As we seek the Lord, His strength comes (*Psalms 105:4 KJV*).
- God is our defense and refuge in times of trouble (*Psalms 59:16 KJV*).
- We are strong in the Lord and the power of His might (*Ephesians 6:10 KJV*).
- The Lord is our strength and our salvation (*Psalms 118:14 KJV*).
- The Lord is our strength as we trust Him, and we do not have to be afraid (*Isaiah 12:2 KJV*).
- God girds us up with strength for every battle (*Psalms 18:2, 39 KJV*).
- God is a shelter for us (*Psalms 61:3 KJV*).
- God provides strength for our soul (*Psalms 138:3 KJV*).

## **WHAT HAPPENS WHEN BELIEVERS DIE?**

Understanding what happens when we die and where we go in the afterlife will motivate individuals to come to the Lord and live for Him.

1. Man is a three-part being. God abides in his spirit. The soul represents the intellect of man. The body touches the physical world with its five senses (*1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV*).
2. Physical death means that man's spirit (and soul) separate from his body (*James 2:26a*).
3. When the believer's spirit is absent from the body from death, he/she goes immediately to be with the Lord (*2 Corinthians 5:8*).
4. When the sinner (lost or unbeliever) dies, his/her spirit separates from his body and goes to hell (*Luke 16:22c-23a*).
5. In *Luke 16:19-31*, Jesus reveals what happens to the lost when they die (*see verses 23-28*).
6. All Christians, or all who die believing in Jesus Christ, are promised a resurrection of our bodies from the dead (*John 6:40*).
7. Our bodies will sleep in the grave until God reunites our spirits with our bodies (*1 Thessalonians 4:14*).
8. This will happen on the day of the rapture. All believers who died with Christ will be raised to meet the Lord in the air. All believers who are alive and on earth at that time will also be caught up with those saints who were sleep (*1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*).
9. The lost (unsaved) dead will remain in the grave (*Revelation 20:5*).

10. After their resurrection, Christians will be judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ to receive their rewards. Jesus has already judged our sin. Believers are no longer appointed to wrath (punishment) (*2 Corinthians 5:10; 1 Thessalonians 5:9*).
11. At the end of the 1,000 years, all unbelievers will be raised, all who were separated from God. This judgment is called the Great White Throne Judgment (*Revelation 20:11-13*).
12. As a result of rejecting Christ, all unbelievers must demonstrate at the judgment their works to save themselves. Since unbelievers reject God's plan of salvation through Christ, they must now prove perfection, which they cannot. Because they did not repent on earth, all who were dead waiting for their judgment will be cast into eternal punishment (*Revelation 20:14*).

## **OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF DEATH**

1. Death means separation. Physical death is separation of the spirit from the body. We are absent from the body (*James 2:26 KJV; 2 Corinthians 5:8 KJV*).
2. Yet, death does not separate us from God's love (*Romans 8:38-39 KJV*).
3. For believers, death means being in the presence of the Lord (*2 Corinthians 5:6-8 KJV*).
4. When believers die, we gain and do not lose (*Philippians 1:21 KJV*).
5. Death for believers is far better than abiding on earth in the flesh (*Philippians 1:23 KJV*).
6. Death for believers means that one day, we will have a physical body transformed into a glorified body (*Philippians 3:21 KJV*).
7. Death means our physical bodies will be changed to an imperishable body, like Jesus' body after He was raised (*1 Corinthians 15:52 KJV; 1 John 3:2 KJV*).
8. Because of Jesus' death, believers no longer have to fear death (*Hebrews 2:14-15 KJV; Psalm 23:4 KJV*).
9. There is hope for the future after death for the believer (*1 Corinthians 15:51-52 KJV*).
10. When we as believers die, then we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever (*Psalm 23:6 KJV*).
11. Believers have mansions awaiting them after death (*John 14:1-4 KJV*).
12. The death of believers is precious to the Lord (of great value to Him) (*Psalm 116:15 KJV*).
13. The death of believers is blessed in God's eyes (*Revelation 14:13 KJV*).
14. Believers who have died will be caught up from the grave to meet the Lord in the air on the day of the rapture (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 KJV*).
15. Jesus is the resurrection and the life who will one day resurrect our bodies from the grave (*John 11:23-26 NLT*).
16. When David's son died, David understood that the dead do not come back to us, but we will go where they are when we die (*2 Samuel 12:23 KJV*).
17. When believers die, they will never perish (go to eternal damnation), and no one can snatch them out of the Lord's hand. All who believe will have eternal life (*John 3:16; 10:27-30 KJV*).
18. For believers in heaven, there will never be any more suffering, sorrow, sickness, pain, or crying ever again (*Revelation 21:3-4 KJV*).
19. Believers will live forever with the Lord after they die (*1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 KJV*).
20. In life or death, believers belong to the Lord (*Romans 14:8 KJV*).
21. Believers will pull off perishable bodies to put on imperishable bodies (*1 Corinthians 15:54-57 KJV*).

## **PRAYER FOR OVERCOMING GRIEF**

Lord, my inner man is weak now in the loss of my loved one. I need You to carry me through this dark valley that I am going through right now. I struggle to even think clearly. So God, I have nothing to depend upon but You and Your Word to lift up my spirit. I look to Your light even though my heart is heavy right now. I give You each burden, and I rest in Your love and peace.

You are my refuge, a stronghold in times of trouble. You are my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer. I know You will not hide Your face from my cry for Your help. I know weeping may endure for a night, but Your joy will come in the morning. Your Word says that You are close to those who are brokenhearted. I cast all this grief upon You, and I know You will sustain me through this time of grief. You will restore my life again. I know You will bring me up and comfort me once again. You are the strength of my heart whenever my heart fails. Lord, You will wipe away every tear from my face because You care for those who trust in You.

Although I am weary and burdened, I come to You because You give me rest for my soul. Therefore, I will no longer let my heart be troubled because Lord, I trust in You. In Jesus' name. Amen.

## **HOW TO MAKE SURE WE WILL GO TO HEAVEN WHEN WE DIE**

1. Only Christ is the way to heaven. There is no other God (*John 14:2-6; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6*).
2. Salvation is only in Christ, God's Son. We are saved by His life (*Acts 4:10, 12; Romans 5:9-10*).
3. Believing and trusting in Christ is how we are saved (*John 3:16-18, 36; 5:24; 6:37; Romans 5:1*).
4. Confessing the Lord Jesus with our mouths and believing in our hearts is how we are saved (*Romans 10:9, 13*).
5. We must repent of our sin. Repentance requires making a decision in our hearts to turn away from living in sin and not believing in Christ to living for the Lord (*Luke 13:3; Mark 1:15; 2 Peter 1:9*).

If you receive this, let's receive Christ into our hearts now.

*Heavenly Father,*

*I acknowledge and recognize that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord and Savior and that God raised Him from the dead. Today I repent of my sins, and I make the decision to turn from my old lifestyle. Thank You for forgiving me of all my sins. Jesus, come into my heart and help me be the person You want me to be. I am saved. If I died tonight, heaven would be my home. In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

Now that you have prayed this prayer, if you died tonight, where would you go?

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