

SOMEONE WHO HAS LOST A LOVED ONE

Key Thought: The God of all comfort uses us to comfort others.

Key Scripture: *"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me"* (Ps. 23:4).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray for _____ who has lost his/her _____ . Be very close to him/her during this time of grief and mourning.

Assure him/her that those who mourn will be comforted.¹ Your Holy Spirit is the Comforter, and He has the power to turn his/her mourning into dancing.² Lord, give him/her this kind of assurance and the peace that passeth all understanding.³

Help me to be a source of comfort to him/her during this difficult time. Blessed be your name, Father. You are the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.⁴ Bring comfort to _____ through your Holy Spirit.

To every thing there is a season, as your Word points out: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to weep, and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance.⁵ Help _____ to see that you are working your purposes out in his/her life.

Impart hope to _____ during his/her time of sorrow. Let his/her mourning be turned into joy as he/she realizes all that you have provided for him/her and his/her loved ones, to the end that his/her glory will sing praise to you and not be silent.⁶ O Lord my God, I give thanks forever for all that you are doing.

If the loved one _____ has lost was saved, help him/her find consolation in your counsel that we are not to sorrow as those who have no hope⁷ for the loved one is safe with you and _____ can rejoice in the anticipation of being reunited with his/her loved one in your presence. There is great comfort in knowing that you, Lord, will one day descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. The dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet you in the air. And so shall we ever be with you. Help me with these words to comfort _____ and all who have lost loved ones or who may fear death themselves.

Lord Jesus, help _____ to see your power and to experience your love. Give him/her everlasting consolation and good hope through grace. May these blessings enable him/her in every good word and work.⁸

References: (1) Matthew 5:4 (2) Psalms 30:11 (3) Philippians 4:7 (4) 2 Corinthians 1:3,4 (5) Ecclesiastes 3:4 (6) Psalms 30:12 (7) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (8) 2 Thessalonians 2: 16-17

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