

# PRAYERS FOR COMFORT

## FOR THE FEEBLE, HURTING, AND HOPELESS

*"Who comforteth us in all our tribulation,  
that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort  
wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

~ 2 Cor 1:4

### **1. When Praying for Others**

- a. We know Rom 8:26 – we often know not how to do it
- b. We do not possess a covenant lever to move God, nor are we living in the kingdom
- c. Prayer does work, but maybe not how the world and the weak want it to

### **2. God is Able...**

- a. We are responsible ambassadors, but we need God's help. So, we pray.
- b. We need help when we are weak; we are weak because bad things happen.
- c. By praying to God we are saying we depend, trust, rely on him – 2 Tim 1:12
- d. We forget what God does, and is able to do, remember with prayer – Rom 15:4
- e. God is able to give strength, comfort, peace, hope – Eph 3:20, 2 Cor 9:8

### **3. God Gives Comfort**

- a. The feeble mind is weak, without strength. Comfort means to strengthen.
- b. They are feeble because they are lonely, weak, discouraged, depressed, afraid
- c. Paul says God stood with him through it all – 2 Tim 4:5, 17-20
- d. God gives comfort, he promises that - 2 Cor 1:3-7
- e. Paul, the apostle of grace, also despaired – 2 Cor 1:7-11
- f. The prayers of the Corinthians were answered in Titus – 2 Cor 2:7-13, 7:4-13

### **4. God Gives Peace**

- a. When we are in pain, we want relief. Sometimes, the relief does not come.
- b. They will suffer in Christ, comfort comes from the mind of Christ - Phil 1:29-2:2
- c. Partaking of the sufferings of Christ is what provides the peace of mind - Phil 3:10
- d. Our cares are taken to God and he gives us peace and strength – Phil 4:6, 4:13
- e. People cry out , "why?", God gives us a reason for suffering – Col 1:21-24
- f. The world rejected God. God is longsuffering, Christ suffered, we will too.

### **5. God Gives Hope**

- a. Hopelessness is when there is no end to the struggle, pain, suffering, ignorance.
- b. God gives salvation, deliverance, hope – Rom 8:17-8:18
- c. We don't think about resurrection, glory, heaven, hope nearly enough – Col 3:2
- d. Our hope is in the resurrection, and this is a comfort and strength - 2 Cor 4:5-18
- e. Prayer strengthens our faith, gives us hope, and gives us peace through suffering.
- f. It is a false hope is to say God will do something, when he has said no such thing.
- g. He never said there would not be suffering, pain, tragedy, despair.
- h. God intervened to give salvation, peace, and hope in Christ – Rom 8:23-24
- i. All things will work together for good, according to God's will - Rom 8:26, 8:35-39