

Please, I need prayer!

Our prayer for you:

“Father God, you see the pain and the hurt this person is going through. The Bible, your Holy Word, tells us that you are touched with the feelings of our difficulties and struggles. It tells us that you even cried for hurting people. Throughout the ages, You have helped so many people through difficult and trying times. Please God, help this one. We pray for a good outcome in their situation. You say in your holy scriptures, “All things work together for good to those who love you and who are called according to Your purpose.” We know that does not mean that all things ARE good, but that You can bring about good from tragedy. Your Word says, “Call on me and I will answer you. And I will do great and mighty things that you can not even imagine.” We plead with you, Father. Do this and more for this hurting soul. Give them hope, we pray.”

We encourage you to pray. That is, we invite you to talk with God.

We did not say you should talk TO God, rather we encourage you to talk WITH God. The Bible teaches that we can talk to God and He will answer. He will respond and we will know He is speaking to us as if we were hearing Him talk to us out loud. When God speaks, and we listen and obey, hope is restored. If God speaks to us, that means He is real - that He is alive. If He is our living God, then He can and will help us. If we believe that, then everything changes.

The book of Psalms records that some people who faced crisis called out to God for help. But it also says that some people were angry with God and told Him so. Trust me, God will not be angry with you for being honest with Him about how you feel. Whether in faith you cry out for help, or in anger you tell Him how you feel - either way, your Heavenly Father will not be upset with you. He respects your honesty. He loves you and wants to help you. And when the two of you talk, good things can happen.

Our earthly existence is not all there is.

The Bible tells us of a hope beyond this life. In the book of John, chapter 14, verse 1, Jesus said, “Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in Me. . . I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you will be also.” In the book of First Thessalonians, chapter 4, beginning in verse 13, it says that God wants us to know and understand that there is good reason for hope. If a person has died believing in God and

allowing Him to rule in their lives, there is reason for hope. If we remain alive on this earth believing God, there is reason for hope regardless of our circumstances. For one day, the Lord who was raised from the dead will return from the heavens to this earth, and He will right all the wrongs and punish those who deserve it. And whether we have died or still live, He will miraculously take us into heaven to be with Him forever – eternally separated from evil and bad circumstances. All we must do is: 1) believe in Him, 2) ask His forgiveness and turn away from our sins, 3) remain hopeful because of Him, 4) trust in Him regardless of our circumstances even if it seems irrational to do so, and 5) obey His teaching as recorded in His holy scriptures. These five conditions make up what the Bible calls FAITH.

The Bible teaches that our life on this earth is not all there is. It describes life as eternal. Death is simply an entrance into eternity. Our wonderful hope is that regardless of how good or how bad things go for us on this earth, God still loves us. He encourages us to have faith in Him regardless of our circumstances. He promises that if we do that, we have a place with Him for eternity – forever.

The Bible encourages us to pray this prayer.

“Our Father, the one in the heavens, I know your name is holy, to be kept in reverence. Let your kingdom come. Let everyone acknowledge you as the eternal King and do your will and bidding. May it be so on earth, just as it is in heaven. Provide for us today what we need in this life. And forgive us where we fail you and others. We promise that because you forgive us, we will forgive others who wrong us. Do not lead us into temptation, but rather lead us to do what is right. Deliver us from the devil, the evil one, who means us harm. He is the one who wants to steal from us, the one who wants us dead, who tries to destroy us and the ones we love. And for all your help and goodness, we proclaim you to be the eternal Lord, all powerful, and worthy of our appreciation. Let it be so!” (Matthew 6:9 – 13 Paraphrased)