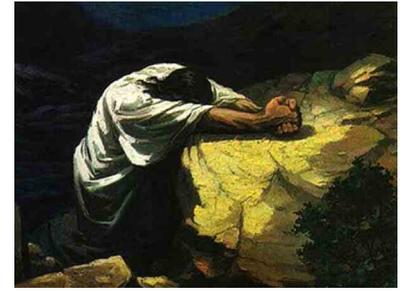


*"Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." **Romans 8:26 KJV***



We often find ourselves in throes of anxiety and anguish, because of circumstances. We then try to pray, but our thoughts and words seem futile and the trouble then seems to multiply. We see no ðlight at the end of the tunnel.ö The heavens seem brass and earth a torment! What would you do if someone you deeply loved was drowning in torment? God is acutely aware of your suffering ðfor He was in ALL POINTS tempted like as we, YET WITHOUT SIN,ö and yearns for your deliverance. God loves you more than you could possibly ever love anyone or thing! We, sometimes, don't even know what to ask for, but ðFather knoweth what we have need of before we askí and the thoughts and intents of our heart.ö Nothing can separate a believer from God's everlasting love. ðNeither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.ö Men always fail and disappoint, but Jesus never fails! He promised, ðLo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.ö When you are at your lowest, ðunderneath are the everlasting arms.ö If you cannot find solace through faith in Jesus Christ (knowing and believing God's Word), you will not be comforted. The search for escape from anguish of soul is what powers every sinful addiction! Sin's pleasures temporarily numb the pain of your soul, but it must ever be sought again and again. Friendship with God, on the other hand, delivers lasting peace, joy, comfort, love, and purpose. Jesus said, ðCome unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto youö Jesus is the Word of God made flesh. We come to Him through our knowledge and obedience of God's Word. The soul that clings through faithful obedience to the Master of the Sea, will find tempests calmed and calamities opportunities. Did you ever hurt so bad it took away your breath? Ache so deeply that words vanished? We cannot know the heartache of our Saviour as He sees our suffering. He feels more deeply and yearns more earnestly for our deliverance than we ever could ðwith groanings that cannot be uttered.ö You are never alone in your heartache, dear believer. Jesus knows well, the agony of lonely suffering! His disciples slept while He languished in agony of soul hours before He became ðthe Lamb of Godö for them and us! No one better understands your misery. Be patient, beloved, your Saviour will make sure ðall things work together for good,ö even the hurtful things!

When you are hurt, your soul undone,
The Saviour softly whispers ðCome,ö
He'll soothe away all fear and care,
If you but take some time for prayer. ~CGP

The Garden of Prayer is a place of peace and love, an oasis in the desert of suffering, for the true believer. It is not a crutch, it is wings! Falling is not really freedom without wings. God is the unseen atmosphere that the wings of faith glide upon!

*"Neither is there any creature that is not manifest in His sight: but all things are naked and opened unto the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an High Priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, YET WITHOUT SIN. Let us therefore come boldly unto the Throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." **Hebrews 4:13-16 KJV***