

**Facing death can be either a horrific experience or one of expectation and joy if you know where you are going. This teaching offers resources for you to use in order to experience the HOPE & PRESENCE of Jesus Who conquered death and has promised us ETERNAL LIFE – THE LIFE OF GOD FOR ALL ETERNITY!!**

**altogetherlovely.org see: God in Your Heart (true Christianity) & Healing Prayers & Christian 12-Steps (cleansing & healing prayers!!)**

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**EXCELLENT RESOURCES:**

**Christian Prayer Lines: 1-800-700-7000 / 1-866-987-7729 (comfort for all)**

**Resources: [www.altogetherlovely.org](http://www.altogetherlovely.org) (see: P.R.A.Y. / HOPE / HIMSELF / etc.)**

### **P.R.A.Y. An Amazing Opportunity!!!**

**Praise:** *(look up at Jesus and praise God. This will help you experience God's presence. Do it anytime even if you don't "feel" like it):*

I praise You Jesus. I worship You Jesus. I love You Holy Spirit. Father You are good. Bless You Jesus. Thank You Jesus for shedding Your blood. I am a forgiven, Spirit-filled, loved, anointed, child of God. Bless You Jesus!!!

**Repent:** Father God, I come to You thru faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ for forgiveness of my sins. Forgive me for \_\_\_\_\_. Lord Jesus come cover me with Your blood bringing forgiveness, healing, peace, power, access to You

**Rebuke (outloud):** Satan I rebuke you and your lying, tormenting, generational spirits. I take the authority I have in Christ Jesus and command you and your spirits to get away from me and go to Jesus. He will deal with you.

**Ask:** Now Holy Spirit fall upon me. Come and fill me in my spirit, my mind, my will, my emotions, and throughout every cell in my body. Fill me Lord Jesus. Come and fill me completely. I am Yours. *(you can start to worship here also. BELIEVE God is filling you and has filled you!!).*

**Yield:** I turn my will and my life over to You Jesus. Come and take control of me. I yield to You every part of my life. My whole being, my finances, my cares, my worries, my sexuality, my future, my dreams, my spouse/kids, etc. Jesus, You are MY HOPE. You are MY LIFE. You are MY LORD. You are MY ALL AND IN ALL! (etc.) I am an anointed, blood bought, born again, Spirit-filled, child of God. I am loved & accepted by God! **Praise-Repent-Rebuke-Ask-Yield**

**The best weapon we have is PRAISE.** You can adapt this prayer but carry it around with you until you are confident in it. Feel free to copy & distribute it!!

**If you commit to this prayer** it will save you from those SOMETIMES HOURS (or even days) of Satanic oppression. It will give you VICTORY in God's power.

**Finally, BELIEVE God is answering your prayers.** FAITH IN GOD TO ANSWER PRAYERS IS THE KEY TO GOD'S MOVEMENT IN OUR LIVES!! Then BE THANKFUL!!

**There is not in this world a kind of life more sweet and delightful than that of a continual conversation with God.**

**Those only can comprehend it who practice & experience it!!**

**(Brother Lawrence)**

## GOD'S COMFORT FROM THE BOOK OF ROMANS

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all that happens to us is working for our good if we love God and are fitting into his plans. <sup>29</sup> For from the very beginning God decided that those who came to him—and all along he knew who would—should become like his Son, so that his Son would be the First, with many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And having chosen us, he called us to come to him; and when we came, he declared us “not guilty,” filled us with Christ’s goodness, gave us right standing with himself, and promised us his glory.

<sup>31</sup> What can we ever say to such wonderful things as these? If God is on our side, who can ever be against us? <sup>32</sup> Since he did not spare even his own Son for us but gave him up for us all, won’t he also surely give us everything else?

<sup>33</sup> Who dares accuse us whom God has chosen for his own? Will God? No! He is the one who has forgiven us and given us right standing with himself.

<sup>34</sup> Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? *No!* For he is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven.

<sup>35</sup> Who then can ever keep Christ’s love from us? When we have trouble or calamity, when we are hunted down or destroyed, is it because he doesn’t love us anymore? And if we are hungry or penniless or in danger or threatened with death, has God deserted us?

<sup>36</sup> No, for the Scriptures tell us that for his sake we must be ready to face death at every moment of the day—we are like sheep awaiting slaughter; <sup>37</sup> but despite all this, **overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us.**

<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, <sup>39</sup> or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—**nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.**

**Comforting Songs (can also “search” the song at Youtube.com):**

**GAITHER: SONGS OF HOPE:** <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLbJ2NNqPTeAqYtSifgndDErdJLSGyQQ07>

**I CAN ONLY IMAGINE:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N\\_lrrq\\_opng&t=8s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N_lrrq_opng&t=8s)

**EVEN IF (THE HEALING DOESN’T COME):**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SiYAUNJPrMU&t=5s>

**GOD BE WITH YOU (till we meet again):** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GZHrtHdbdOE&t=2s>

**LEST YE SORROW:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2TurW\\_A8pl&t=3s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l2TurW_A8pl&t=3s)

**BLESSED BE YOUR NAME:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tTpTQ4kBLxA&t=3s>

**IN CHRIST ALONE:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qLy8ksqGf9w&t=1s>

**I’LL FLY AWAY:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNaf8WjAB44&t=1s>

**THE GOLDEN CITY:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9iyMjeVoP8s&t=1s>

**For me to live is Christ – to die is gain!!!**

**(Philippians 1:21)**

**The following are Bible Verses for those facing death or grieving loss:**

Online see: [www.altogetherlovely.org](http://www.altogetherlovely.org) (see: Facing Death “white rectangle”)

### **Comforting Bible Verses**

Romans 8:38-39: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57: Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

John 11:25-26: Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

1 Corinthians 2:9: What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him.

Revelation 1:17-18: When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.”

Revelation 14:13: And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Blessed indeed,” says the Spirit, “that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!”

Romans 14:7-9: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Philippians 1:21-23: For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better.

2 Timothy 4:7-8: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, & not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Revelation 21:4: He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

James 1:12: Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

1 Corinthians 15:42-44: So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

2 Corinthians 5:6-9: So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

Romans 6:23: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Job 1:21: And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD."

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18: But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

1 Peter 1:23-25: ... You have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God; for "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

### **Comforting Bible Verses from the Psalms**

Psalms 16:8-11: I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Psalms 23:4: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalms 34:4-5: I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Psalms 46:1-2: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.

Psalms 55:22: Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Psalms 73:25-26: Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Psalms 116:15: Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.

Psalms 149:6: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation.

### **Comforting Quotes about Suffering, Death, and Dying in Christ**

Never fear dying, beloved. Dying is the last, but the least matter that a Christian has to be anxious about. —Charles Spurgeon

A Jesus who never wept could never wipe away my tears. — Charles Spurgeon

How blessed to die in Christ! —William Tiptaft

The pain felt upon the departure of loved ones from this life will generally mirror the joy we felt while they remained with us. — Sam Storms

You don't really know Jesus is all you need until Jesus is all you have. —Timothy Keller

Hardship often prepares an ordinary person for an extraordinary destiny. — C.S. Lewis

Man is made capable of three births: by nature, he enters into the present world; by grace, into spiritual light and life; by death, into glory. —John Newton

Thus we spend our years with sighing: it is a valley of tears, but death is the funeral of all our sorrows. —Thomas Watson

Let us consider this settled, that no one has made progress in the school of Christ who does not joyfully await the day of death and final resurrection. — John Calvin

It is in weeping that we learn to contemplate the goodness of God. It is in mourning that we discover the peace of God that passes understanding. — R.C. Sproul

Displaying the glory of the grace of God is the point of suffering. —John Piper

Often we say that Christ will meet us on the other side. That is true, of course, but misleading.

Let us never forget that He walks with us on this side of the curtain and then guides us through the opening. We will meet Him there, because we have met Him here. — Erwin Lutzer

A Christian funeral should be a coronation ceremony, a statement to the world about eternal life. — Billy Graham

Depend upon it, your dying hour will be the best hour you have ever known! Your last moment will be your richest moment, better than the day of your birth will be the day of your death. It shall be the beginning of heaven, the rising of a sun that shall go no more down forever! — C.H. Spurgeon

Never fear dying, beloved. Dying is the last, but the least matter that a Christian has to be anxious about. Fear living – that is a hard battle to fight, a stern discipline to endure, a rough voyage to undergo. —C.H. Spurgeon

God will allow evil only to the degree that it brings about the very opposite of what it intends. — Timothy Keller

Oh, the sweet life of a Christian that hath made his peace with God! He is fit for all conditions: for life, for death, for everything. —Richard Sibbes

...fellowship with the Father and the Son is most vivid and sweet, and Christian joy is greatest, even when the cross is heaviest. —J.I. Packer

Those who understand God's sovereignty have joy even in the midst of suffering, a joy reflected on their very faces, for they see that their suffering is not without purpose. — R.C. Sproul

Jesus holds the keys to death, and Satan cannot snatch those keys out of His hand. Christ's grip is firm. He holds the keys because He owns the keys. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Him. That includes all authority over life and death. The angel of death is at His beck and call. —R.C. Sproul

The proper epitaph to write for the Christian believer is not a dismal uncertain petition, 'R.I.P.' ...but a joyful and certain affirmation 'C.A.D.' ('Christ abolished death'). —John Stott

## J.I. Packer's 10 Tips for Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

See also:

<https://www.kevinhalloran.net/j-i-packers-10-tips-for-grieving-the-loss-of-a-loved-one/>

Our society generally doesn't like talking about death. In many conversations, bringing it up seems like the boogeyman that shuts down conversations and causes eye contact to be averted.

But death is real. It will happen to you, to me, to all of our loved ones, and everyone who ever lives. (That is, unless the Lord takes us home first!)

While Christ has victory over death, we still face it as a consequence of sin. And the sting of death is still felt on earth. Because of this, Christians must have a biblically shaped framework for grieving loss so they can process difficult emotions and deepen their hope in Christ.

### 10 Tips for Grieving the Loss of a Loved One

1. Starting from where you are, do what you can (it may not be much at first) to move toward the thanksgiving, submission, and patience.
2. Do not let your grief loosen your grip on the goodness and grace of your loving Lord.
3. Cry (for there is nothing biblical or Christian, or indeed human, about the stiff upper lip).
4. Tell God your sadness (several of the psalms, though not written about bereavement, will supply words for the purpose).
5. Pray as you can, and don't try to pray as you can't. (That bit of wisdom is not original to me, nor was it distilled in a grief counseling context, but it is very apropos here.)
6. Avoid well-wishers who think they can cheer you up, but thank God for any who are content to be with you and do things for you without talking at you.
7. Talk to yourself . . . about the loved one you lost.
8. Do not try to hurry your way out of the inner weakness you feel; grieving takes time.
9. Look to God as thankfully, submissively, and patiently as you can (and he will understand if you have to tell him that you cannot really do this yet).
10. Feel, acknowledge, and face, consciously and from your heart, all the feelings that you find in yourself at present, and the day will come when you find yourself able, consciously and from your heart, to live to God daily in thanksgiving, submission, and patient hope once again.

Did you notice any themes in this list?

Packer repeatedly stresses thankfulness, submission, and patience because they are crucial in the grieving process: We must not forget to constantly thank our merciful God (1 Thessalonians 5:18), submit to His sovereign will, and patiently wait for consolation, healing, and ultimate redemption.

Grieving loss is hard in a fallen world, and there's no way around it, no "easy" button or fast forward button to press. But for the Christian, there may be no greater opportunity to draw near to God and contemplate His goodness to us in Christ. Christ's death and resurrection remove the sting of death for believers and fills us with living hope for our glorious future.

My hope is that as you grieve now or in the future, you would not waste your season of grief, but deepen your love for the Savior and understand what it means to be "sorrowful, yet always rejoicing" (2 Corinthians 6:10). And if you grieve (or will grieve) the loss of loved ones who were in Christ, my hope is that our lost world would take notice of those who grieve with gospel hope (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).