

Prayer Topic #6:

A Prayer for Emotional Healing for Those Who Are Overcoming the Death of a Loved One

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 46:1-7, John 11:1-26

Reflections of the Heart:

If you want to know how God feels about the death of our loved ones, remember Jesus groaned in His Spirit and was troubled enough to weep at the mournful sight of Martha and those who surrounded Him before He raised Lazarus from the dead. Don't miss the reason for the Lord's tears. He was not weeping for the dead. No, He wept for us, the living.

Scriptural Prayer:

Redeeming Father, we thank You for the emotional healing of those whose loved one(s) have gone on to be with You. Thank You for the impact that they had on their lives. Thank You, Jesus, for leaving them with a gift – Your peace of mind and heart. We are thankful to You and we bless Your Name. Father, we give thanks to You and proclaim Your greatness. The whole world shall know what You have done. We will sing praises to You. We will tell every one of Your wonderful deeds. You are our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. We will sing to You as long as we live. We will praise You to our last breath!

Merciful Father, we decree emotional healing for those who are overcoming the death of a loved one. Although they are grieving, they will put their hope in You, God! They will praise You again – as their Savior and their God! Father, they will trust Your Word. We declare that You are with them; they will not be discouraged, for You are their God. Your Word says that You will strengthen them and help them. You will hold them up with Your victorious right hand. Your Name, Lord, is a strong fortress; the Godly run to You and are safe. We decree that bereavement will last only for a short time and joy will replace sorrow.

Holy Spirit, help me to become more sensitive to the needs of those around me who are in mourning and show me how I can be an encouragement to them:

Holy Spirit, when we see our brother or sister mourning the death of a loved one, help us to be compassionate, but also to encourage him or her with God's Word of hope and peace. Bring scriptures to our remembrance that will help to bring solace to our brother or sister. Remind us to care for the physical needs of those who are in mourning, with food, transportation, child care or any other material thing that may be needed. Help us to be patient and to not be insensitive to their pain. Holy Spirit, when we are grieving as well, comfort us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others.

Gracious Father, when others are grieving, forgive us for being impatient as time goes on after a death. Forgive us when we utter unkind words, making light of someone else's pain at the death of a loved one. Forgive us for not taking care of the physical or emotional needs of others who have suffered loss. Father, forgive me for ***(list any sins that you have committed)***. Holy Spirit, remind those who are overcoming the death of a loved one of those they need to forgive and help them to be quick to forgive. As for me, Holy Spirit, bring to my remembrance those I need to forgive. ***(Take a moment and ask the Holy Spirit to show you names or faces of people that you may need to forgive. As He shows you, say aloud, "I forgive name of person(s)." Now, trust the Lord to heal any wounds in your soul caused by unforgiveness.)***

Holy Spirit, help us all not to yield to temptation; but deliver us from the evil one.

Almighty God, the heavens proclaim Your glory! The skies display Your craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night, they make You known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard, yet their message has gone throughout the earth, and their words to all the world. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

Scripture References for the Written Text: John 14:27, Psalm 105:1-2, Psalm 104:33, Isaiah 41:10, Proverbs 18:10, Psalm 30:5, II Corinthians 1:4, Matthew 6:13, Psalm 19:1-4

Today, I will trust God to:
