

10 SCRIPTURE PASSAGES TO PRAY WITH IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

When praying with Scripture, read the passage slowly several times. Try reading it out loud to let the words sink in physically as well as spiritually. Talk to God about the passage: its meaning for you, its promise, the assurance it gives. Does the passage motivate you to do something: to spend more time in silence or prayer, to encourage or comfort others, to respond to God in some special way? God speaks to you in Scripture. How will you reply?

Blessed are those who trust in the LORD;
the LORD will be their trust.

They are like a tree planted beside the waters
that stretches out its roots to the stream:

It does not fear heat when it comes,
its leaves stay green;

In the year of drought it shows no distress,
but still produces fruit (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:5b-7).

“Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows” (Luke 12:6-7).

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

The name of the LORD is a strong tower;
the just run to it and are safe (Proverbs 18:10).

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all encouragement, who encourages us in our every affliction, so that we may be able to encourage those who are in any affliction with the encouragement with which we ourselves are encouraged by God (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light” (Matthew 11:28-30).

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things (Philippians 4:8).

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I lack.

In green pastures he makes me lie down;
to still waters he leads me;
he restores my soul.

He guides me along right paths
for the sake of his name.

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 comfort me (Psalm 23:1-4).

“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28:20).

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