

Prayers in Trials, Waiting and Forgiveness

God, please protect _____ from unnecessary harm and suffering. If there is ever any other way to accomplish Your will, let trials escape (him/her). Please be a shield of protection around (him/her). Protect (him/her) physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Protect (him/her) from illness and injury.

When hard times and trials come (his/her) way, God, please be so very near to _____. Let (him/her) feel Your presence when (he/she) feels hurt, alone, scared, confused, and impatient over circumstances in (his/her) life. Guide (him/her) to Godly Christian counseling and support.

God, help _____ to grasp what You mean when You say that (he/she) can rejoice in trials. In the thick of difficult times throughout (his/her) life, help _____ see You. Help (him/her) believe that You are growing (his/her) character; growing (him/her) in ways that You will use mightily in places (he/she) can't yet see.

God, draw _____ to Your wings of refuge when (his/her) heart is broken and path feels unclear. Please help _____ know You more deeply in these times.

God, help _____ to be patient in times of waiting. In those times when things aren't happening the way (he/she) is praying they will or in the timeframe (he/she) is expecting, let (him/her) rest in the assured belief that Your timing is perfect and that You are in control. Give _____ confidence that You see...You know...and You are making a way that is for (his/her) good and Your glory.

God, teach _____ that Your plan and presence are far greater than temporary ease or comfort. Do not let one ounce of pain and suffering go to waste, but instead help _____ use it for Your good and Your glory.

God, help _____ assume the mindset of a warrior on Your team, rather than a helpless victim. Remind _____ to put on the full armor of God and know when to be still and let You fight for (him/her). Remind _____ of the power of Your name and the power available to (him/her) in talking – praying – to You. Remind _____ that You offer a peace that surpasses all understanding, even when – especially when – things seem impossible and out of control. The impossible is Your wheelhouse. This is where You shine brightest.

God, please help _____ forgive and accept forgiveness. Be (his/her) strength when hurts are deep and forgiveness is hard. Help (him/her) to know that forgiveness isn't just for the other person; it is for (him/her) too. There is freedom in forgiveness.

Let (him/her) acknowledge the profound forgiveness You have given and to do likewise. And when _____ is the one who has messed up, help (him/her) ask for and humbly receive forgiveness from others and from You. Help (him/her) be quick to repent and ask for forgiveness. Help (him/her) know that the blood of Jesus washes everything clean and there is no condemnation for those who have put their faith in Jesus.