

PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 30 - JUNE 5

2 CORINTHIANS 1:3-11 (ESV)

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. ⁵ For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too.^[a] ⁶ If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. ⁷ Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

⁸ For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers,^[b] of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. ⁹ Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. ¹⁰ He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. ¹¹ You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

POSSIBLE PRAYER PROMPTS:

REVERENCE vv. 3-4

- Mercy – “Lord, I bless you that when I struggled with _____ you gave me mercy (sympathy/pity)”
- Comfort/encouragement – “Lord bless you that you encouraged me when _____.”
- Purpose – “Lord I bless you that you have a purpose even when _____.”

RESPONSE vv. 5-7

- **Surrendering to His purposes in us and through us to benefit those we serve**
 - “Lord, I thank you for Your grace/comfort/strength you gave me through Christ to gain the victory in my struggle with _____”.
 - “Lord, give me opportunity to comfort/encourage _____ in their struggle with _____.”

REQUESTS vv. 8-10

- **Trusting God who raises the dead for deliverance**
 - “Lord, today I am trusting you to deliver me from _____.”

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READINESS v. 11

- **Praying for one another with the goal of greater thanksgiving.**
 - Lord, I pray that you will help my brother _____ with _____ so that He may see your grace/mercy/comfort and give you deep, wonderful thanksgiving.

June Monthly Prayer Focus: 31 Days of Prayers for Lost People

POSSIBLE PRAYER POINTS:

- Praise God that salvation is not because of anything people do for themselves but that it is only possible because of what God can do!
- Ask God to remove the blinders that keep unbelievers from seeing the light of the Gospel. Pray for a specific person or people in your life to be drawn to Jesus.
- Pray for those people you know who are lost in sin. Ask God to cause them to recognize what they are doing and help them to repent and turn to Jesus.