

GOD'S TENDER WORDS



*As the rain and the snow
Come down from heaven,
And do not return to it
Without watering the earth
And making it bud and flourish,
So that it yields seed for the sower
And bread for the eater,
So is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
But will accomplish what I desire
And achieve the purpose for which I sent it.*

- ISAIAH 55:10-11

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DAY 1

I Long to Be Gracious To You

*the LORD longs to be gracious to you;
He rises to show you compassion.*

ISAIAH 30:18

Lord, you are near even when my heart seems far from you. Open my eyes to your presence. Whether I turn to the left or to the right let me encounter your love.

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DAY 2

I Will Reveal Myself to You

*Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him
and proclaimed his name, the LORD.*

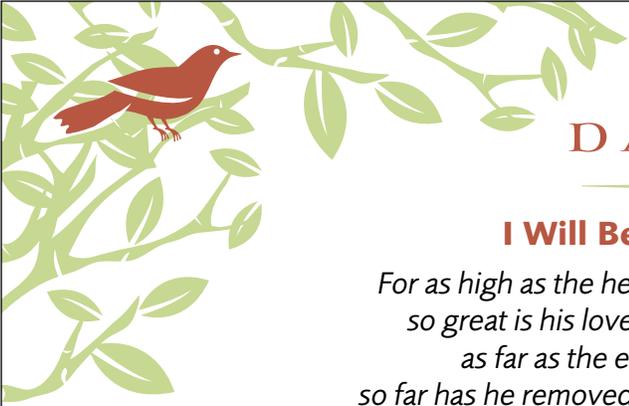
*And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, "the LORD,
the compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."*

– EXODUS 34: 5 - 6

Lord, let your goodness pass in front of me. Help me to see you for who you are and to live my life according to this vision.



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DAY 3

I Will Be Your Father

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
 so great is his love for those who fear him;
 as far as the east is from the west,
 so far has he removed our transgressions from us.
 As a father has compassion on his children,
 so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;
 for he knows how we are formed,
 he remembers our dust.*

- PSALM 103: 11 - 14

Lord, you are not surprised at my weakness. I am insubstantial as the dust beneath my feet. And yet you assure me that I am "beloved dust." Don't let me hide this truth from myself but fill me every day with wonder at the greatness of your love.

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DAY 4

I Will Not Forget You

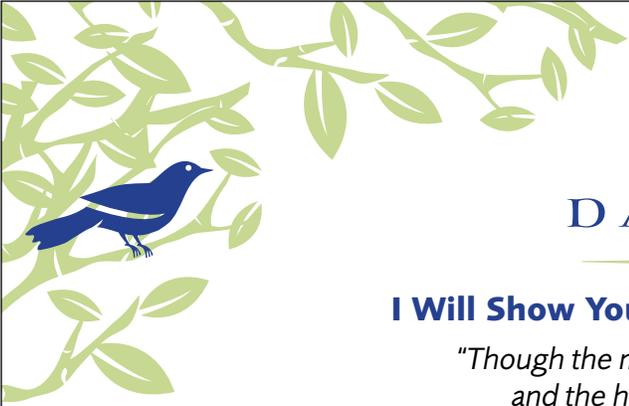
*"Can a mother forget the baby at her breast
 and have no compassion on the child she has borne?
 Though she may forget,
 I will not forget you!
 See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
 your walls are ever before me."*

- ISAIAH 49: 13 - 16



Lord, you more loving than the most faithful of mothers. Thank you for your promise never to abandon, forsake, or forget me. Hold me close, like a child nursing at her mother's breast.

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DAY 5

I Will Show You My Unfailing Love

*"Though the mountains be shaken
and the hills be removed,
yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken
nor my covenant of peace be removed,"
says the [LORD,] who has compassion on you.*

– ISAIAH 54:10

Lord, I want to name your faithfulness, to identify you by the way you treat me. So today I call you, not merely Creator, King, and Lord, but the loving God who has shown me compassion.

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DAY 6

I Will Arise and Have Compassion

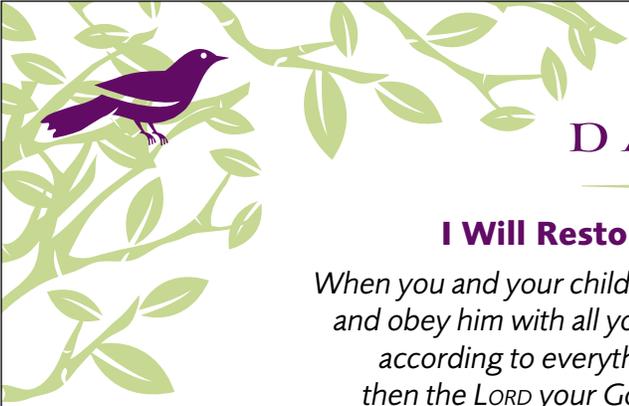
*For the LORD will rebuild Zion
and appear in glory.
He will respond to the prayer of the destitute;
he will not despise their plea.*

– PSALM 102: 16 - 17

Lord, you never despise the destitute. Help me not to be ashamed of my desperate need but let it move me to call out to you with hope. May this be the time to show me your favor!



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DAY 7

I Will Restore Your Fortunes

When you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back.

– DEUTERONOMY 30:2 - 4

Lord, thank you for assuring us that no one is ever beyond the reach of your compassion. I pray for those who seem alienated from you. Give them the grace to turn to you and be healed. Bring them back from distant lands and restore their fortunes.

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DAY 8

I Am Slow to Anger

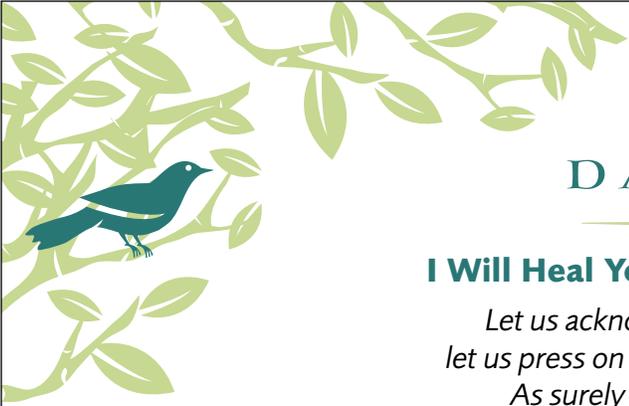
The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love... He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

– PSALM 103:8 - 12

Lord, help me to remember what you have already done—forgiving all the sins I have ever committed—large or small, hidden or obvious. The power of your forgiveness has healed my past and reshaped my future. Thank you, Lord Jesus.



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DAY 9

I Will Heal Your Waywardness

*Let us acknowledge the LORD;
let us press on to acknowledge him.
As surely as the sun rises,
he will appear;
he will come to us like the winter rains,
like the spring rains that water the earth.*

– HOSEA 6:3

Lord, there was time when I was so very far from you. But you overcame the distance through your strong, forgiving love. How can I doubt your love when the evidence is all around me? Help me to find ways of remembering how good you have been to me by telling others what you have done.

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DAY 10

I Will Be Found by You

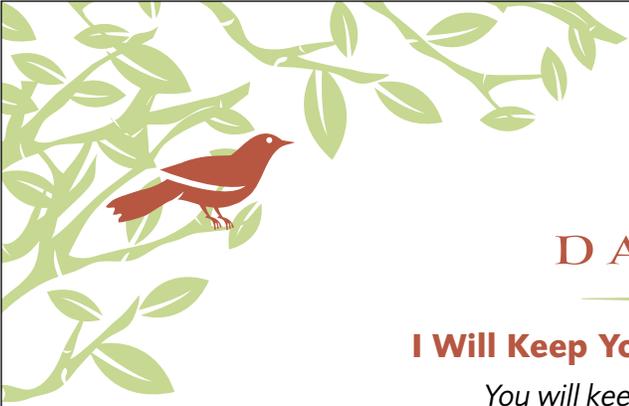
*I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.
Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.*

– ISAIAH 44:22

Lord, I love the image of my sins being swept away like an insubstantial mist. Help me to call this image to mind the next time I need to ask your forgiveness. Don't let me give more power to my sin than I do to your forgiveness.



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DAY 11

I Will Keep You in Perfect Peace

*You will keep in perfect peace
those whose minds are steadfast,
because they trust in you.*

– ISAIAH 26:3

Heavenly Father, when everything is shaking around me, hold me steady. Let me remember your unfailing love and your covenant of peace. May my children also learn from you so that they, too, may know your peace.

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DAY 12

I Will Extend Peace Like a River

*For this is what the LORD says:
"I will extend peace to her like a river,
and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream."*

– ISAIAH 66:12

Gracious and loving God, the One who led me out of the darkness and into the light, thank you for the peace you promise. Let it be like an ever-flowing river, and I will always proclaim your kindness!



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DAY 13

I Will Support You

*One thing God has spoken,
two things have I heard:
that you, O God, are strong,
and that you, O LORD, are loving.*

– PSALM 62: 11 - 12

Lord, I praise you not only for your strength but also for your love. Please blend strength and love in me, so that I can show others who you are.

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DAY 14

I Want to Give You Courage and Confidence

*The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?*

– PSALM 27: 1

Lord, steady my heart, so that when life is difficult, I will not give in to the temptation to think you have rejected me. May I remember that strength comes from living in your presence and relying on your faithfulness.



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DAY 15

I Will Keep You Strong to the End

Christ will keep you strong to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our LORD Jesus Christ. God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our LORD, is faithful.

– 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 8 - 9

Lord, you know how quickly I can swing from being assured of your presence to being certain of your absence. I'm so tired of being pushed around by circumstances. Help me to stop wavering between feelings of faith and anxiety. Give me the peace that comes from believing you are willing and able to keep me strong to the end.

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DAY 16

I Will Never Leave You

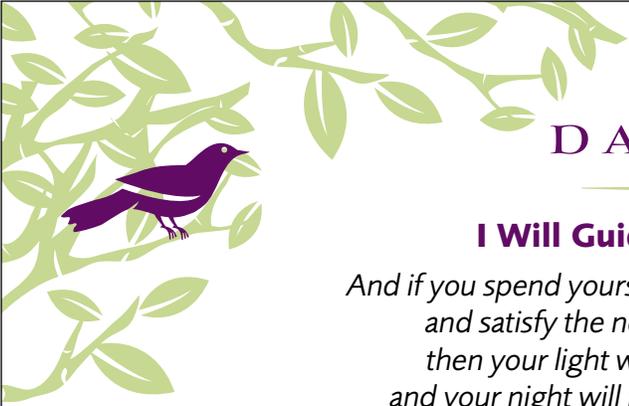
Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave nor forsake you.

– DEUTERONOMY 31: 6

Lord, you promise that you will never leave nor forsake me. I promise the same to you. When things go wrong—and they will go wrong—help me to feel neither helpless nor hopeless, but confident that you are who you say you are.



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DAY 17

I Will Guide You Always

*And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the oppressed,
then your light will rise in the darkness,
and your night will become like the noonday.*

*The LORD will guide you always;
he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land
and will strengthen your frame.*

*You will be like a well-watered garden,
like a spring whose waters never fail.*

– ISAIAH 58: 10 - 11

Lord, help me to spend myself not on myself but on others, especially the needy of this world. Give me an eye to understand how they see things and wisdom to know how to help.

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DAY 18

I Will Shield You

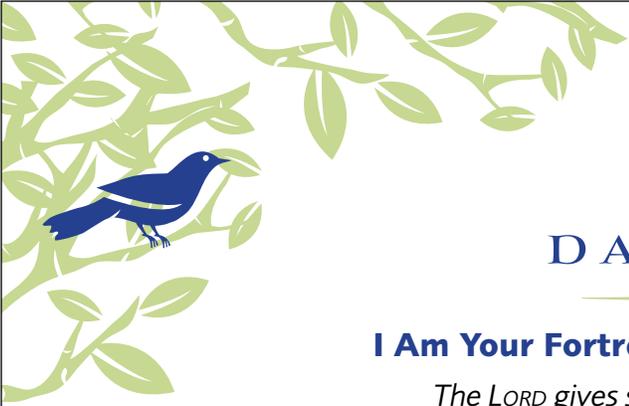
*For God did not give us a spirit of timidity,
but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.*

– 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Thank you, God, for giving me the strength I need every day—the strength to love, to believe, to resist evil, to stand firm, to show kindness, to do what is right even when I am afraid or upset. I trust that you will always be my strength.



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DAY 19

I Am Your Fortress, Your Loving God

*The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.*

– PSALM 29:11

Father, let me rise each day, asking with confidence for the strength I need. Make me strong against worry, financial pressure, selfishness, and fear. Strengthen me to do your will so that I will not only have peace but spread it to others.

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DAY 20

Trust in Me at All Times

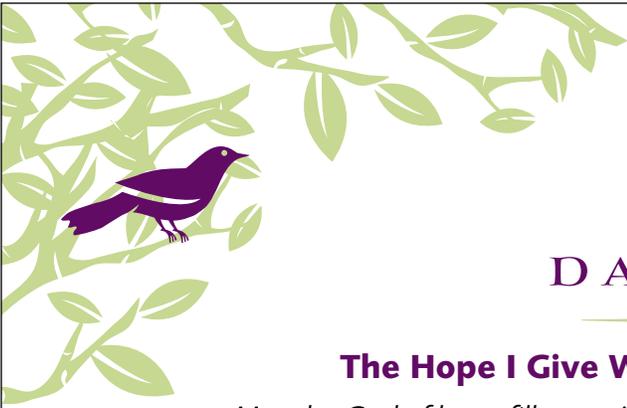
*The righteous have many troubles,
but the LORD delivers them from them all;
he protects all their bones,
not one of them will be broken.
Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.
The LORD redeems his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.*

– PSALM 34:19 – 22 (TNIV)

Lord, I remember what happened to you on the cross. They pierced your side but did not break any of your bones. You had many troubles but you showed us the way to overcome them all. I trust that you will protect me and deliver me now and forever, amen.



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DAY 21

The Hope I Give Will Not Disappoint You

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

– ROMANS 15: 13

Lord, despair and discouragement never come from you. How could they since you are the God of hope! Whatever happens, may this hope be an anchor for my soul, keeping me steady no matter the turbulence I face..

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