

HEAVENLY FATHER,

IN THIS WORLD, *WE FACE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS*, BUT WE FIND SOLACE IN KNOWING THAT YOU ARE ALWAYS WITH US. YOUR WORD ASSURES US THAT THOUGH WE WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, WE WILL FEAR NO EVIL, FOR YOU ARE WITH US; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF, THEY COMFORT US. (PSALM 23:4)

LORD, YOU HAVE PROMISED THAT IN THIS WORLD, WE WILL FACE TROUBLE, BUT YOU HAVE ALSO PROMISED TO GIVE US PEACE IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL. YOU SAID, "I HAVE TOLD YOU ALL THIS SO THAT YOU MAY HAVE PEACE IN ME. HERE ON EARTH YOU WILL HAVE MANY TRIALS AND SORROWS. BUT TAKE HEART, BECAUSE I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD." (JOHN 16:33, NLT)

GRANT US THE STRENGTH TO PERSEVERE THROUGH EVERY TRIAL, KNOWING THAT WE ARE MORE THAN CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST WHO LOVES US. (ROMANS 8:37)

WHEN THE WAVES OF ADVERSITY THREATEN TO OVERWHELM US, REMIND US OF YOUR WORDS: "WHEN YOU PASS THROUGH THE WATERS, I WILL BE WITH YOU; AND THROUGH THE RIVERS, THEY SHALL NOT OVERWHELM YOU; WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH FIRE YOU SHALL NOT BE BURNED, AND THE FLAME SHALL NOT CONSUME YOU. (ISAIAH 43:2)

MAY WE FIND COMFORT IN THE ASSURANCE THAT NOTHING CAN SEPARATE US FROM YOUR LOVE, NEITHER TROUBLE NOR HARDSHIP NOR PERSECUTION NOR FAMINE NOR NAKEDNESS NOR DANGER NOR SWORD. (ROMANS 8:35)

HELP US TO FIX OUR EYES ON JESUS, THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH, WHO ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING ITS SHAME, AND IS NOW SEATED AT YOUR RIGHT HAND. (HEBREWS 12:2)

THANK YOU, LORD, FOR YOUR CONSTANT PRESENCE AND YOUR UNWAVERING LOVE. IN THE MIDST OF LIFE'S TRIALS, WE FIND PEACE AND STRENGTH IN YOU. AMEN.