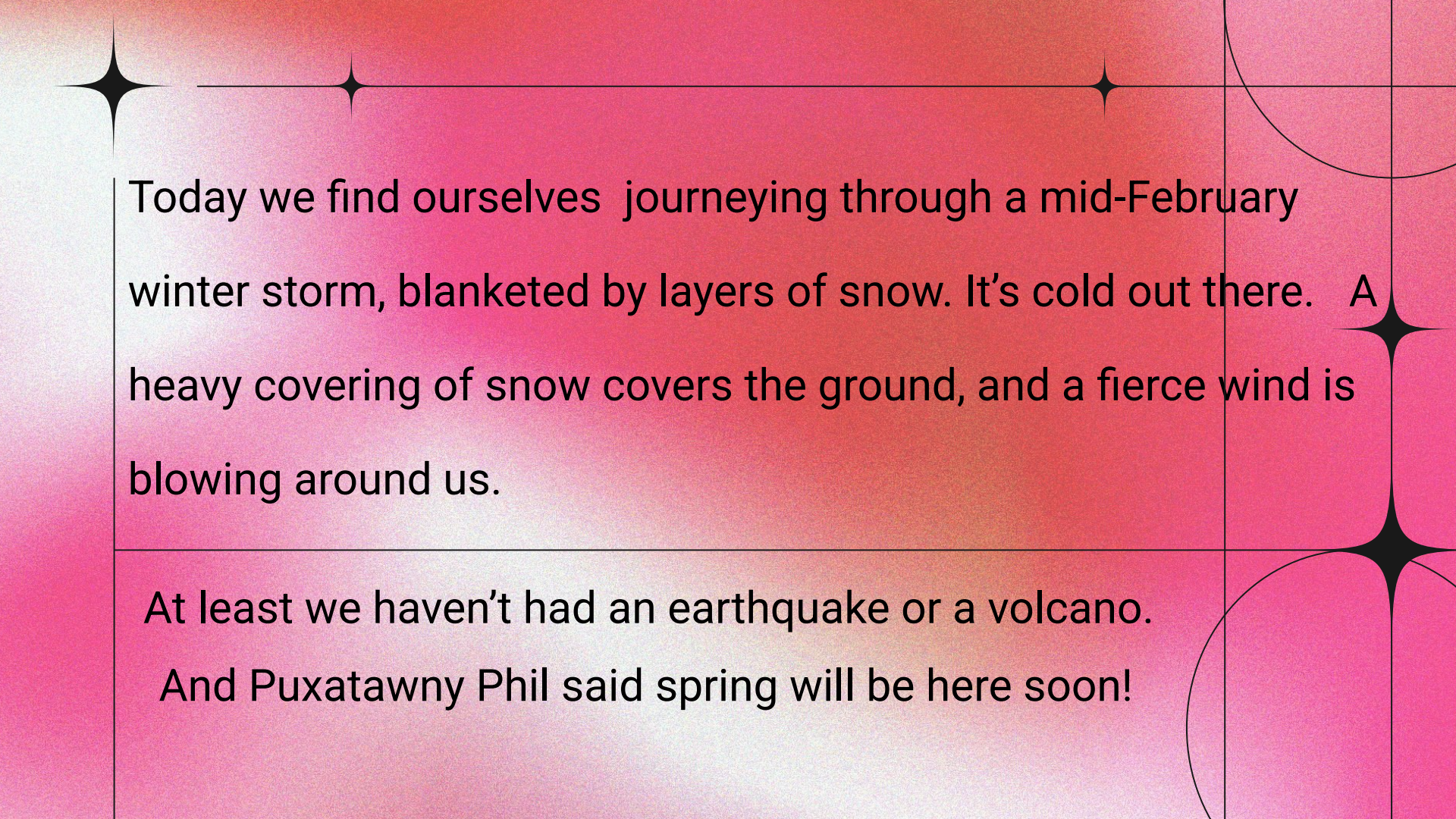




# Homeschool Companion



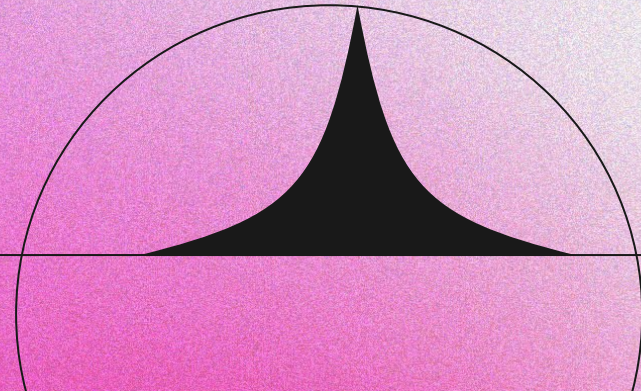
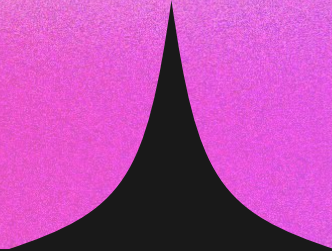


Today we find ourselves journeying through a mid-February winter storm, blanketed by layers of snow. It's cold out there. A heavy covering of snow covers the ground, and a fierce wind is blowing around us.

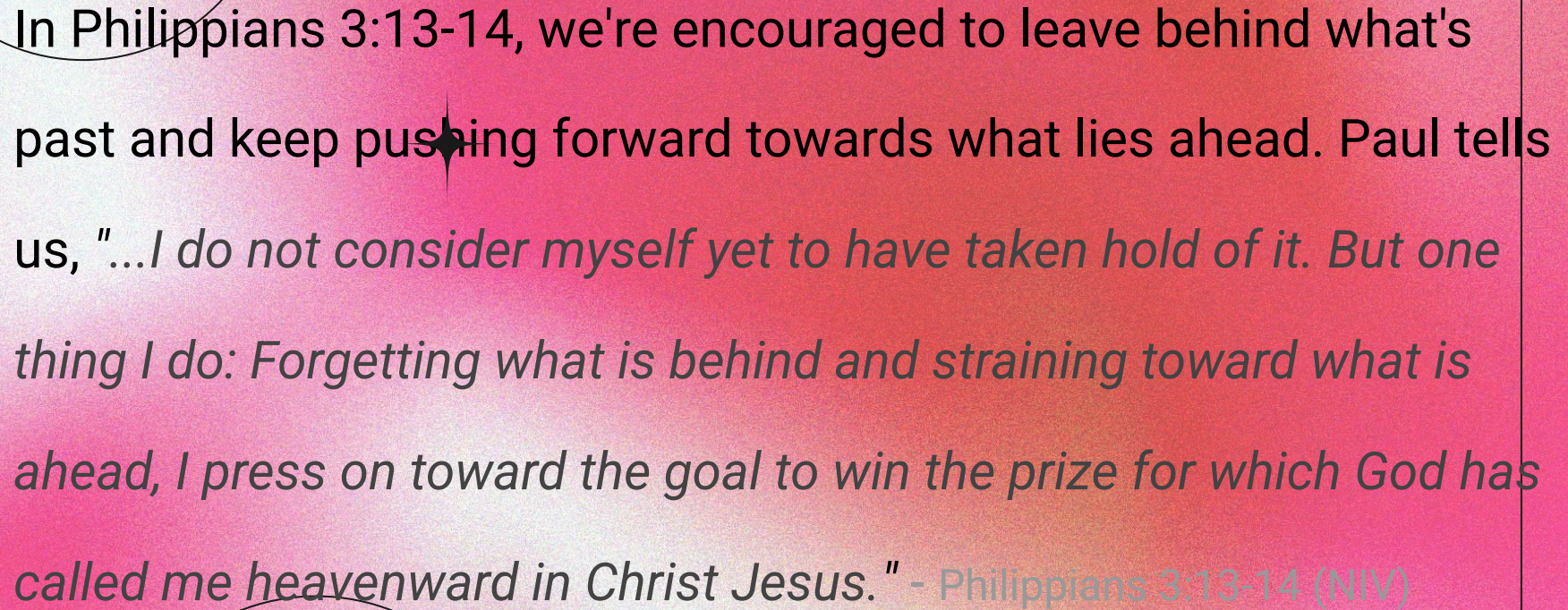
At least we haven't had an earthquake or a volcano.  
And Puxatawny Phil said spring will be here soon!



Similarly, our homeschooling journey might feel like it's developing slowly. We are not picking up students as quickly as we wish, but progress **is** happening beneath the surface.

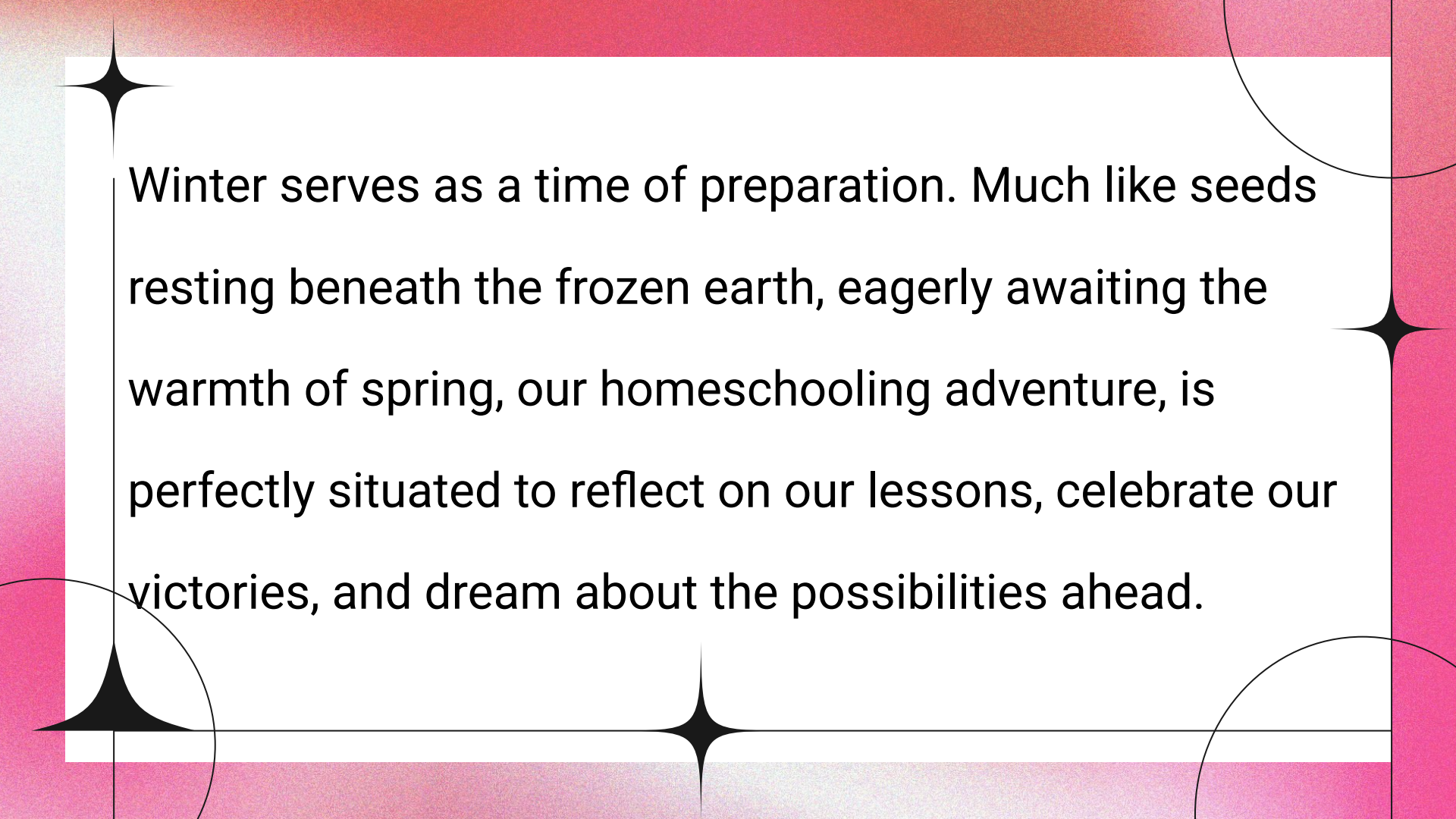






In Philippians 3:13-14, we're encouraged to leave behind what's past and keep pushing forward towards what lies ahead. Paul tells us, *"...I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."* - Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

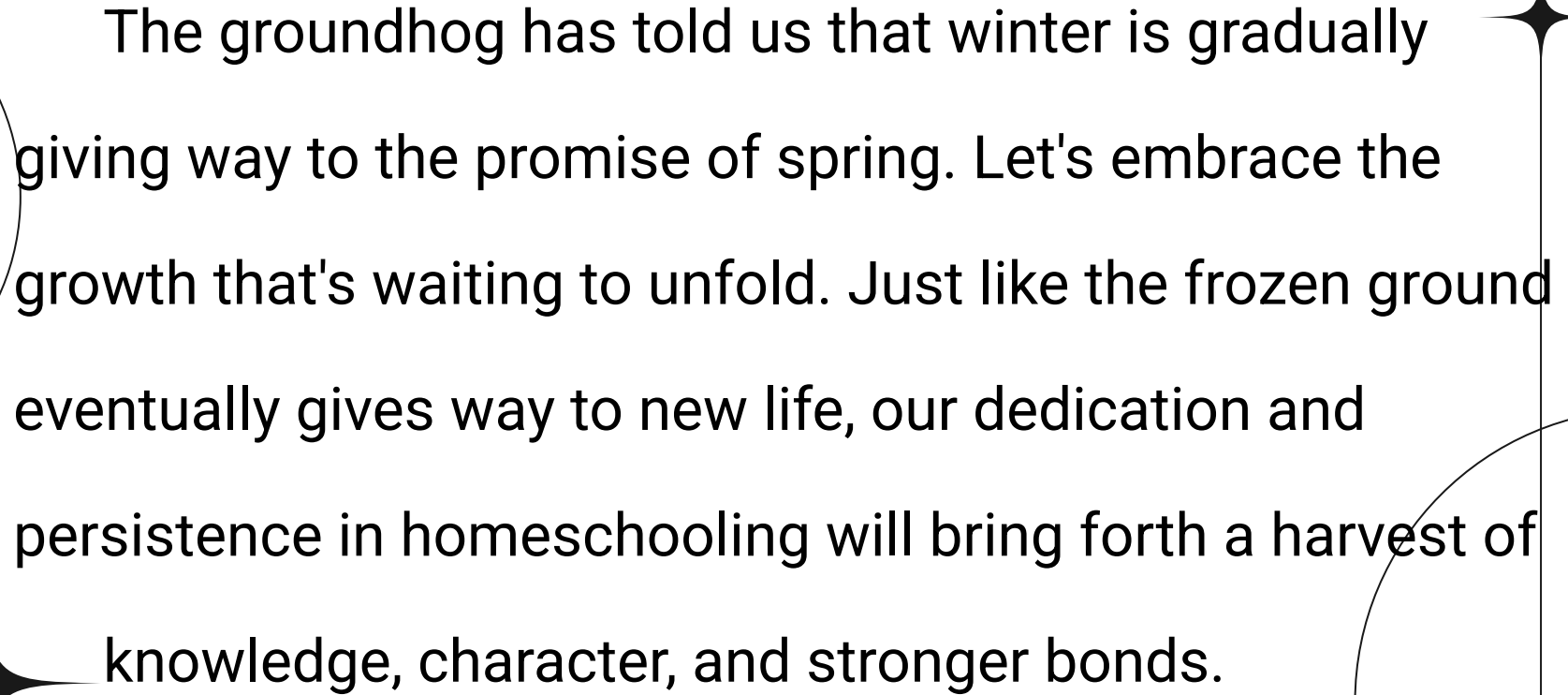




Winter serves as a time of preparation. Much like seeds resting beneath the frozen earth, eagerly awaiting the warmth of spring, our homeschooling adventure, is perfectly situated to reflect on our lessons, celebrate our victories, and dream about the possibilities ahead.

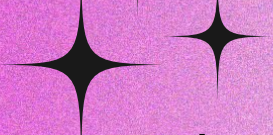
Think of the challenges and triumphs of this past year  
as stepping stones, not stumbling blocks.

Each lesson learned and every hurdle overcome  
adds to the beautiful tapestry of our  
homeschooling journey.




The groundhog has told us that winter is gradually giving way to the promise of spring. Let's embrace the growth that's waiting to unfold. Just like the frozen ground eventually gives way to new life, our dedication and persistence in homeschooling will bring forth a harvest of knowledge, character, and stronger bonds.



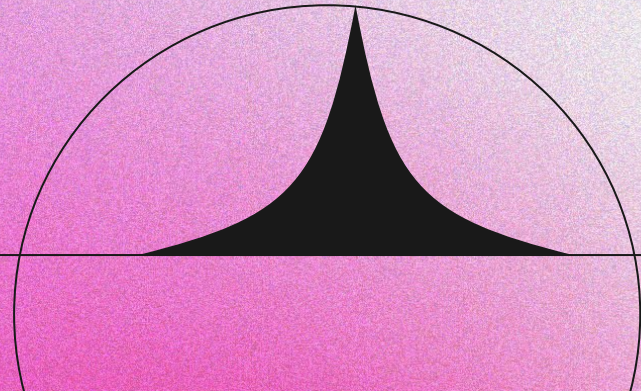
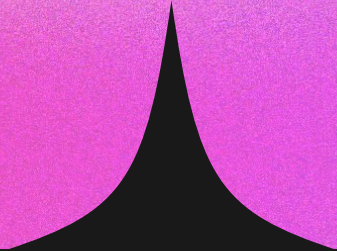


Take a moment to appreciate the quiet stillness of winter, both in nature and in our homeschool classrooms. Reflect on how far we've come, and with renewed determination, let's set our sights on the goals for the months ahead. Cheer each other on and keep pushing forward, knowing that the winter season is an essential part of our journey, preparing us for the vibrant seasons to come.





Our homeschooling adventure will soon be filled with warmth, love, the brightness of learning, and the excitement of growth.







Let's Pray