

Scripture Reading for James 1:19-27
Psalm 74:1-11

O God, why have You rejected us forever? Why does Your anger
smoke against the sheep of Your pasture?

*Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old,
which You have redeemed to be the tribe of Your inheritance.*

Turn Your footsteps toward the perpetual ruins; the enemy has
damaged everything within the sanctuary

*Your adversaries have roared in the midst of Your meeting place;
they have set up their own standards for signs.*

It seems as if one had lift up his axe in a forest of trees. And now
all its carved work they smash with hatchet and hammers.

*They have burned Your sanctuary to the ground; they have defiled
the dwelling place of Your name.*

They said in their heart, “Let us completely subdue them.” They
have burned all the meeting places of God in the land.

*We do not see our signs; there is no longer any prophet, nor is
there any among us who know how long.*

How long, O God, will the adversary revile, and the enemy spurn
Your name forever?

*Why do You withdraw Your hand, even Your right hand? From
within Your bosom, destroy them!*

Through the New Testament
James 1:19-27
“How to Respond to One Another in Your Trials”

Your trials may affect your _____.

Your trials may cause you to become _____.

Here’s how to overcome your anger:

Be _____.

Be _____.

Be _____.

Your trials may affect your _____.

Your trials may provide an excuse for _____.

Here’s how to overcome your flesh:

First, _____.

Second, _____.

Third, turn to _____.

Your trials may cause you to become a _____.

Your trials may provide an excuse for _____.

Here’s how to overcome your excuses:

Be a _____.

Look intently as _____.

Be truly “religious” by:

Watching _____.

Taking care of the _____.

Taking care of the _____.

Treating all others with _____.

Closing Chorus

The Lord bless thee and keep thee,

The Lord make His face to shine upon thee,

And be gracious unto thee, be gracious unto thee.

The Lord lift up His countenance

Upon thee and give thee peace.

(“The Lord Bless Thee” by Chuck Butler)

A Prayer for Saints in the Midst of Trials

To the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we beseech You on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Christ who are being persecuted and undergoing trials. We pray that You would have mercy on them and assure them of Your presence through each and every trial.

We pray that they may rise above their circumstances and consider their trial and an opportunity for rejoicing. We pray that they will count it all joy to be considered worthy of suffering shame for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We pray that their trials may become an opportunity for strengthening, rather than weakening, their faith. We pray that their faith will produce endurance, and that their endurance will produce spiritual maturity and completeness of Christ in them.

We know your children will ask "Why?" We pray that they will be reminded to ask You for wisdom, knowing that You are a generous God who will give them an answer.

We pray that the trials suffered may not become an opportunity for envying those who seem better off. We pray that they may find glory in the privilege of suffering for Jesus, as those who are better off financially may find glory in the humiliation of losing everything.

We ask that the trials of Your saints will become a source of blessings instead of curses, that they will sense Your approval rather than Your rejection, and will become a means of testifying of Your love.

We pray that those who suffer trials in the name of Christ will never feel as if You are tempting them, and we pray that your children will overcome all temptations arising because of the weakness of the flesh.

We ask, O God our Father, that the saints who undergo trials may consider their trials as a gift from above as they prove worthy to suffer shame in the name of Jesus. That they may see that their suffering is a part of Your will, just as Jesus' suffering was a part of Your will.

And we pray that Your saints will hold fast to the word of truth, knowing that there are many who have gone before, suffering trials on earth that they may experience joy and rewards in heaven. Amen.

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