

Prayer Cast: Week of July 4 When You Experience Fear

Lord, we feel fear. You tell us over and over in your word to “fear not.” Sometimes it is so hard to calm our minds and to quiet our anxious thoughts. Lord, we come here today to encounter You; we listen to hear Your word. Let Your word fall around us like rain. Leave us with Your peace that transcends all understanding.

Lord, We love and honor You. You comfort us when we are hurting. You guide our path. Help us find the words to pray that will touch Your heart. Help us always to remember that we are not alone in our fear. Let us care for others, open our eyes to see how people are struggling and let us build skills to better serve those who feel helpless and fearful. We pray for our church, for our church family, our city, our state and for our world.

Ecclesiastes 12: 13 is a life principle scripture, and trouble comes when we violate this principle. *“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.”*

Today’s prayer cast will be a little different. Multiple passages have been combined and placed in this order for a reason. Speak these texts aloud, let these words touch your four walls, read them daily, read varying translations, study them, go deep beyond the verse and look deep into the chapters. They are meant to be heard, so soak in the scripture. The Word is your anchor and your armor. God is always with you. You can return to God’s word over and over in times of need.

There is power in His name.

Encounter God through His word.

Philippians 4: 6-7 *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.*

Psalms 16: 7-8 *I will praise the Lord, who counsels me, even at night, my heart instructs me, I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With Him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.*

Psalms 4: 8 *In peace, I will lie down and sleep, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.*

Psalms 27: 1 *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? When evil men advance against me to devour my flesh, when my enemies and my foes attack me, they will stumble and fall.*

Psalms 139: 23 *Search me, God, and know my heart, test me, and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Psalms 138: 7 *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life. You stretch out Your hand against the anger of my foes, with your right hand, You save me.*

Psalms 138: 8 *The Lord will fulfill His purpose for me; Your love, O Lord, endures forever-do not abandon the works of Your hands.*

Psalms 138:3 *On the day I called, You answered me; You emboldened me and strengthened my soul.*

Philippians 4: 19 *And my God will meet all your needs, according to the riches of His glory, in Christ Jesus.*

Isaiah 41: 10 So do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

John 3: 16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 1: 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Psalms 121: 1-8 I lift up my eyes to the hills, where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip, He who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, He who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you-the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm-He will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Isaiah 54: 17 No weapon forged against you will prevail, and you will refute every tongue that accuses you. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and this is their vindication from me, declares the Lord.

Psalms 32: 7 You are my hiding place, you will protect me from trouble, and surround me with songs of deliverance.

Psalms 94: 19 When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy.

Psalms 23: 4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Psalms 139: 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; You are familiar with all of my ways.

You are always with us, Father God, so whom shall we fear? Lord we lay down our fear. We trust You to be the Lord of our lives, to show us the way, to protect us and guide us. We rest in you.