

Help When You Are: “Praying for Daylight”

Two hundred seventy six people were in the grasp of a terrible storm. The Apostle Paul was one of them:

Acts 27:29 (NLT)

“...they were afraid we would soon be driven against the rocks along the shore, so they threw out four anchors from the back of the ship and prayed for daylight.”

Storms are going to come in all our lives. I compiled these verses to act as anchors when you, like me, find yourself praying for daylight.

— Pastor Chris Thore



1 John 4:4 (NKJV)

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

Acts 16:25-26 (NKJV)

But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

2 Corinthians 5:7 (NKJV)

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

2 Corinthians 4:18 (NLT)

So we don't look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.

John 8:12 (NLT)

Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

Matthew 11:28 (NLT)

Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

John 14:15-17 (NKJV)

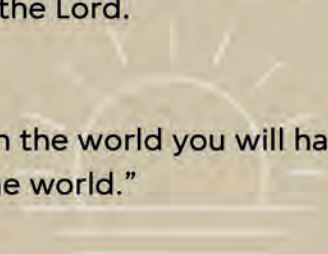
"If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you."

Psalms 40:1-3 (NLT)

I waited patiently for the Lord to help me, and he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the pit of despair, out of the mud and the mire. He set my feet on solid ground and steadied me as I walked along. He has given me a new song to sing, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see what he has done and be amazed. They will put their trust in the Lord.

John 16:33 (NKJV)

These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."



John 1:5 (NLT)

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

1 John 1:9 (NLT)

But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

Psalm 118:29 (NKJV)

Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

Psalm 23:4 (NKJV)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

Psalm 30:5 (NKJV)

For His anger is but for a moment, His favor is for life; Weeping may endure for a night, But joy comes
in the morning.

Genesis 50:20 (NLT)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could
save the lives of many people.

Psalm 118:24 (NKJV)

This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 119:105 (NKJV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

1 Corinthians 15:58 (NLT)

So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord,
for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Romans 8:38 (NLT)

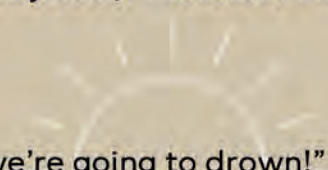
And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither
angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers
of hell can separate us from God's love.

Lamentations 3:22-24 (NKJV)

Through the Lord's mercies we are not consumed, Because His compassions fail not. They are new
every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I hope in
Him!"

Luke 8:24-25 (NLT)

The disciples went and woke him up, shouting, "Master, Master, we're going to drown!"
When Jesus woke up, he rebuked the wind and the raging waves. Suddenly the storm stopped and all
was calm. Then he asked them, "Where is your faith?" The disciples were terrified and amazed. "Who is
this man?" they asked each other. "When he gives a command, even the wind and waves obey him!"



“...and when you have laboriously accomplished your daily task, go to sleep in peace. God is awake.”

— Victor Hugo

Philippians 2:14-16 (NLT)

Do everything without complaining and arguing, so that no one can criticize you. Live clean, innocent lives as children of God, shining like bright lights in a world full of crooked and perverse people. Hold firmly to the word of life...

All of us go through times of difficulty. Often it seems that night intensifies our distress. I encourage you to keep these words selected from the Bible nearby. Many of us find it helpful to read them aloud. They can also be prayed.

When you find yourself “Praying for Daylight,” remember that our hope comes from the risen Christ.

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