

## HELPFUL SCRIPTURES AS YOU GRIEVE: (NIV)

**2 Thessalonians 3:16** Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you.

**Psalms 42:5-6** <sup>5</sup>Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and <sup>6</sup>my God. My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you...

**Matthew 11:28** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

**Psalms 56:11** in God I trust; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?

**Psalms 68:5** A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.

**Jeremiah 29:11** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

**Philippians 1:6** being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

**Lamentations 3:22-23** <sup>22</sup>Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <sup>23</sup>They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

**1 Peter 5:6-7** <sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13** Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

**Psalms 100:2** Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

**2 Corinthians 1:3-5** <sup>3</sup>Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup>who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. <sup>5</sup>For just as the sufferings of Christ flow over into our lives, so also through Christ our comfort overflows.

**Revelation 21:4** He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

**Philippians 3:20-21** <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

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**Ephesians 3:14-21** <sup>14</sup>For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup>may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup>and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

**Matthew 19:13-15** <sup>13</sup>Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. <sup>14</sup>Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." <sup>15</sup>When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there.

**Romans 8:26-28** <sup>26</sup>In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. <sup>27</sup>And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. <sup>28</sup>And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

**1 Corinthians 15:54-55** <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

**Philippians 4:4-8** <sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-- if anything is excellent or praiseworthy-- think about such things.

**Isaiah 53:3-4** <sup>3</sup>He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup>Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted.

**Psalms 56:8** (NKJ) <sup>8</sup>You number my wanderings; Put my tears into your bottle; Are they not in Your book?

**Psalms 67:5** (NKJ) <sup>5</sup>A father of the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in His holy habitation.