

~ RADIANT REFLECTIONS ~

How blessed are those who mourn! For they will be comforted.” Matthew. 5:4

Complete Jewish Bible

Mourning

The expression of deep sorrow

Mourning, grief, and a deep sense of sorrow can make its way into our lives at any age; taking up residence for varied amounts of time. The source of our mourning is as unique as each individual and their personal journey through life. Jesus understood that not a single

person created in the image of His Father would be immune to a season, — or seasons — of mourning. Maybe this is one reason He gave us the hope found in this second of

the Beatitudes; *“Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted.”*

Last Sunday Pastor John and Darren Peterson shared with us prayers and declarations we can use as tools to navigate our times of mourning. Whether our root cause of sorrow is due to loss, sin, suffering in the world, or a mired of other causes — we will be comforted!

Perhaps you would like to use the prayers and declarations below as you walk through seasons of mourning.

Take heart, on the other side of the chasm of sorrow — comfort awaits you!

“Real faith cannot be reduced to spiritual bromides and merchandised in success stories. It is refined in the fires of the storms of pain.” – Eugene H. Peterson’s introduction to the book of Job - The Message Bible

Mourning over personal loss

Prayer:

Jesus, help me to not miss you in the process of my grief. I want to know you even in

difficulty and pain.

Declaration: I am blessed, when I mourn for the losses I’ve experienced, because I will be comforted by God’s presence.

Mourning over sin

Prayer: Jesus, thank you for saving me from my sin. Help me to remember the depth from which you have saved me, and to receive your forgiveness completely.

PRAYER VIGIL FOR PASTOR SAEED

It's been nearly three years since Pastor Saeed Abedini, an American citizen, was imprisoned in Iran for his faith in Jesus Christ. His wife Nagmeh, who lives in the U.S. with their two young children, is calling for Christians worldwide to join her in a prayer vigil at noon on September 26—the third anniversary of his imprisonment. Pastor Saeed has been repeatedly beaten and denied medical care, yet he continues to be a beacon for the Gospel among his fellow prisoners. — Franklin Graham Samaritan’s Purse
Learn more at:
<http://www.samaritanspurse.org/article/pray-for-pastor-saeed->

Declaration: Blessed am I, when I mourn for the wrong I have done, for I will be comforted. I am forgiven.

Mourning about the state of the world, unto intercession

Prayer: Jesus, give me your heart that mourns for the world. I want to see, feel, and be driven to prayer, until you comfort my heart.

Declaration: Blessed am I, when I mourn for the state of the world. When I pray, I will be comforted,

and I will see God bring his Kingdom to the earth.

You can listen to their message in its entirety at -
www.radiantjesuschurch.org/

BARBERRY VILLAGE OUTREACH

God's Hands and Feet in Action

September 27, from 5:30 – 7:00

Barberry Village

3224 SE 188th Ave. Portland, OR 97233

Families are welcome to come with your children and play games with the children of Barberry Village. Come and share the love of Jesus with the residents of Barberry Village! Bring your favorite board games to play with children, teens, and adults. Bring a few snacks (finger foods) to share with others.

