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Foreword

This book is full of God's beautiful words for His beloved people, and the author's praise and prayers to God the Almighty Father. Hence, the title: God's Love Letters My Praise and Prayers. It is an inspirational book. It aims to comfort and enlighten those who need comfort and enlightenment. To guide and inspire the readers to know God better, feel His wonderful love and be happy. It also inspires everyone to put their trust and hope in God, our Father & Savior. Seek Him, His righteousness, and His Kingdom and live to honor and glorify Him forever and ever!

God's

Love Letters

My

Praise & Prayers

My Child

You may not know me, but I know everything about you. Psalm 139:1 I know when you sit down and when you rise up. Psalm 139:3 I am familiar with your ways. Psalm 139:2 Even the very hairs on your head are numbered. Matthew 10:29-31 For you were made in my image. Genesis 1:27 In me you live and move and have your being. Acts 17:28 For you are my offspring. Acts 17:28 I knew you even before you were conceived. Jeremiah 1:4-5 I choose you when I planned creation. Ephesians 1: 11-12 You were not a mistake, for all your days are written in my book. Psalm 139: 15-16 I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. Acts 17:26 You are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14 I knit you together in your mother's womb. Psalm 139:13 And brought you forth on the day you were born. Psalm 71:6 I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me. John 8:41-44 I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. I John 4:16 And it is my desire to lavish my love on you. I John 3:1 Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I John 3:1 I offer you more than your earthly father ever could. Matthew 7:11 For I am the perfect father. Matthew 5:48 Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand. James 1:17 For I am

your provider and I meet all your needs. Matthew 6: 31-33 My plan for your future has always been filled with hope. Jeremiah 29:11 Because I love you with an everlasting love. Jeremiah 31:3 My thoughts toward you are as countless as the sand on the seashore. Psalm 139:17-18 And I rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17 I will never stop doing good to you. Jeremiah 32:40 For you are my treasured possession. Exodus 19:5 I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul. Jeremiah 32:41 And I want to show you great and marvelous things. Jeremiah 33:3 If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me. Deuteronomy 4:29 Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart Psalm 37:4 For it is I who gave you those desires. Philippians 2:13 I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine. Ephesians 3:20 For I am your greatest encourager. 2Corinthians 1:3-4 When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you. Psalm 34:18 As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. Isaiah 40:11 One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes. Revelation 21:3-4 And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. Revelation 21:3-4 I am your Father, and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus Christ. John 17:23 For in Christ, my love for you is revealed. John 17:26 He is the exact representation of my being. Hebrews 1:3 He came to demonstrate

that I am for you, not against you. Romans 8:31 And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. 2Cornthians 5:18-19 Christ died so that you and I could be reconciled. 2Corinthians 5:18-19 His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. I John 4:10 I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. Romans 8:31-32 If you receive the gift of my son Jesus Christ, you receive me. I John 2:23 And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Romans 8:38-39 Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. Luke 15:7 I have always been Father, and I will always be Father. Ephesians 3:14-15

My question is... Will you be my child? John 1:12-13 I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-32.

Love, Your Dad

Almighty God

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"My Love Will See You Through"

"How blessed! How happy are the people"

Who believe that the Lord's message will come true"!

I sing praises to the Lord God of mercies –

I sing for joy because He took notice of me and takes good care of me day by day.

My soul rejoices and my heart leaps for joy because of His incomparable love for me –

His wonderful promises to me, about me, and for me.

The Lord God is glorious and mighty

His name is glorious forever and ever!

The loving and merciful God said to me:

"Woman, I love you with a love that is beyond compare. My love for you is eternal."

I love the Lord with my whole heart

He is everything to me now and forever.

The Lord God in His goodness and mercy gave His unconditional love to me – He said: "You are ever dear to me. No one can take your place in my heart. You are my precious beloved wife, the Mother of all my children."

The Lord God is holy and eternal

He is Supreme over all.

I gave Myself to Him and I am His alone forever

I said: I am yours now and for eternity. You are my dear Lord, My Savior, My spiritual spouse, and my King forever!

He said: "I have called you dear to Foster the Earth"

Do not worry about anything, "I give myself to you."

"My love will see you through."

May all peoples everywhere praise the Lord God Almighty forever & ever

May the whole world bow down to Him alone humbly, gladly, and faithfully!

"God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:27).

God's Wonderful Knowledge of Me

Truly, there is none like God our Father in heaven Yahweh. None like him in greatness and power, no one like him in goodness and tendermercies, none like him in knowledge and understanding. He alone is the Almighty, the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent. Nothing is kept from our Father in heaven. For even the darkness is not dark to him; to him light and darkness are the same.

God knows everything about us; he knows every detail of our lives. In fact, he said: "I know everything about you. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. I am familiar with all your ways" (Psalm 139:1-3). Indeed, dear God you know everything about me for you are my Creator. I praise you and thank you that you carefully and wonderfully created me in my mother's womb. You lovingly created me in your own image. Hence, "your knowledge of me is too deep; it is beyond my understanding." How precious are your thoughts of me dear God! How marvelous are you works!

Surely, you created me for your own unique plan and purpose. Help me accomplish your plan and fulfill your purpose of my life because I love you. I want to give you the joy, the honor, the praises and thanksgiving that you deserved; even the highest honor and glory now and forever.

You know all about me and all that has happened to me. You know when I am sad and lonely; when things are not going well with me. Help me I pray. Give me understanding about everything that I need to know and understand that I may have the comfort and strength to do your perfect will always. Constantly search my thoughts dear God, and lead me in the way you have chosen and prepared for me – the everlasting way. Be glorified through my life, I pray. Be exalted among your people, be exalted in the earth even above the heavens through me now and forever I pray.

God's Goodness & Unfailing Mercy

God knows everything about you and me! He knows when we are sad and lonely He knows when we are tired and weary. He knows what we have been through-All the sacrifices that we do. The trouble, the hardship, and pain That we endured for the good of all are surely recorded and accounted for....

The Lord God is holy, just, and faithful He never forget to reward everyone and all. In truth, the Revelation of John declares:

> "While the dead, great and small alike were standing before the Throne, Books were opened, and then another book was opened, the book of the living/the book of life. The dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books."

> > Revelation 20:12

God our Father & Savior is loving and merciful beyond measure

His mercy is upon the righteous, the repentant and humble.

Let us seek the Lord's righteousness

Through sincere repentance and humility

The sure way to obtain God's unfailing mercy.

Lord, I praise you and thank you with all my heart

Though, I know I cannot praise you and thank you enough.

- Your goodness and mercy are beyond measure; it is unsearchable!
- Whenever we feel, think, and say what is unpleasant and wrong,
- You know it all and the warmth of your love is slowly withdrawn from us to warn us.

But as soon as we realized the wrongs we've done –

Sincerely repent and humbly come to Thee,

Your love for us grows better and stronger; warm and nice as the morning sunrise.

Yes, your love becomes warmer not because of me But because of your goodness and unfailing mercy – Because you are God Almighty! "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of God, who can destroy both body and soul in hell. For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows!" Matthew 10:28-31

Human Fears

People in this world can have so many fears, and I think their fears are valid. Valid because in this world we are living as "lambs in the midst of wolves." To mention some of these fears are: fear of sudden attack and destruction like robbery, rape, and murder; fear of rejection; fear of disappointment and failure; fear of uncertain future; fear of pain; fear of sickness and death, etc.

Yes, people can have countless fears and unfortunately, fear can make people's life miserable if not addressed wisely and properly. The reason why Yahshua the Messiah strongly reminded the people saying: "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, to kill, and to destroy. But I came that you might have life and that you might have it more abundantly" (John 12 10:10). Truly, the devil-the thief has destroyed and stolen many beautiful things from us. But Yahshua the Messiah came and said: "Do not be afraid of them that can kill the body only....and, why worry about food and drink you need to stay alive or about clothes for your body? Look at the birds/sparrows: they don't plant seeds, gather harvest and put it in barns; yet your Father in heaven takes care of them! You are worth much more than birds or sparrows."

Are you afraid? Are you worried? Trust in the Lord who loves us even before we knew Him, and who said: "If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).

Do not be afraid. Do not be worried. Seek God, His righteousness, and His Kingdom by doing His will and your fears will be gone. Abide in His words and let His words abide in you and all good things shall be added unto you.

Lord, thank you that in your great goodness and tender-mercies you take away from us all our fears. Bless us I pray with love, faith, hope, peace, and joy for your honor and glory!

Trust and Wait Upon The Lord

Lord, in your own wonderful ways Even through unwanted circumstances, You taught us to trust in you, wait and put our hopes in you. Lord, we praise you and thank you For teaching us and guiding us always. We praise you and thank you that no one who puts his trust and hope in you will be disappointed. No one who waits upon you and hope For your mercy will be downhearted, Because you lovingly care for us and you will never fail us nor forsake us. Those who rely in you will be blessed Because you are our loving, Almighty Father who is in control over everything And, you want us to come to you as little children. people in the land do not be worried Faithful about anything You are under the protection, and care of our Father

in heaven.

Faithful and righteous people are blessed with the glorious light of the Lord,

The light of life that leads God's people To the greenest pasture, and eternal life. "I know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will Call to me. You will come and pray to me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart" (Jeremiah 29: 11-13).

God's Plan

God did not create something for nothing. He created everyone and everything according to his own beautiful plan and purpose. So, what do you think is God's plan and purpose for your life? What do you hope for your future? Remember God will the future that you hope for. bring about Understandably, human beings are rational. So we think and reason, we plan to do this and to do that. However, many times we wonder why in spite of all the efforts, the investments such as time and other resources, we don't seem to succeed in our plans as we hoped. Then we realized that we have wasted much of our time and resources, we have been tired, disgusted, and frustrated. Sometimes our plan and hopes even end up a disaster.

Yes, my brethren, our plans may be good but God's plan for us is the best. His "plans are wise and they always succeed." He said: "I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity... plans to bring about the future you hope for." God's love for us is beyond compare; he cares for us more than anyone does. He has arranged for us a beautiful, wonderful, glorious, eternal future. First of all, God has called us and chosen us for salvation, abundant, and eternal life; salvation from sin and from eternal destruction. The reason why he allows us to go through some pain is to correct us and to make us get back to the right track.

Let us acknowledge the love, the mercy, the concern of our God and Father and let us put our trust in him always. The writer of Proverbs says: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him and he shall direct thy path" (Proverbs 3:5).

Wise Plan

God says: "My plans are wise and they always succeed."

Let us abide with the Lord God for our sure success, and righteousness.

Our plans are good but the Lord's plans for us are the best

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord for His kindness.

We know some things but God knows everything.

Let us gladly submit to Him day by day and forever.

He loves us and He wants to give us the best in life

He has arranged, prepared for us the future that we hope for.

The future is something we cannot yet see

Yet God's promise is as sure as done already.

- The promised future is glorious, eternal, and beautiful beyond measure
- Let us all bow down and give thanks to the God of all creation.

The creatures which have been groaning will be set free

God has ordained them to be under man's authority.

God's Son our Lord has painfully made this for us-

Through His death on the cross, resurrection, ascension to the glorious Throne;

The holy and glorious Throne to which every man and woman and all creatures should humbly and faithfully bow down. "... I have always loved you, so I continue to show you my constant love.... Stop your crying and wipe away you tears. There is hope for your future.... You are ever dear to me, whenever I mentioned your name, I think of you with love. My heart goes out to you; I will be merciful. I the Lord have spoken (Jeremiah 31).

I Have Always Loved You

These beautiful, meaningful, and very touching words were spoken by the Lord God Almighty to the Israelites through prophet Jeremiah long time ago. But, believe me my brethren, the same words are also true to us now. These words were said not when the Israelites did something very good, very nice and acceptable to the Almighty Father. On the contrary, it was when Israel was severely punished for their sins. God sent enemy forces to attack Israel. Defeat them and level them to the ground; brought them captive to another land. It was when they were slaves and in pain.

Nevertheless, in spite of it all, God's love is really strong, steadfast, and eternal. How wonderful! God did not certainly mean to destroy them but to correct and discipline them and make them recognize that they have greatly sinned; they have gone too far away from him.

Today how is our life with God? How is our personal and national relationship with God? Perhaps, like the Israelites some of us have been doing wrong; have gone too far away from God. Maybe your country has grossly displeased God our Father. Does God punish you? Are you in pain? Does God bring disaster to your country as a punishment? Rejoice and give thanks because God cares for you. Remember, no loving father would let his children continuously do things that would eventually destroy them. Cheer up and return to God our Father. Wait and pray, he will surely turn your sadness, pain, and sorrows into joy. God said: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7: 14).

God sent to us his Son so that with him we would have abundant and everlasting life. He sent to us his Son not because we were sinless and pure but because we have greatly sinned; we have chosen the wrong path. The reason why Yahshua the Messiah said: "I am the way, the truth, and the life; follow me and you will never get lost. I have always loved you. I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Dear Lord God, how precious is your love! How tender is your care! Be pleased to correct us and discipline us quickly and gently, I pray.

Bless The Lord, O My Soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul
Bless Him forever and ever!
Rejoice and give thanks to Him at all times,
Rejoice and give thanks because His mercy endures
 from generation to generations –
His faithfulness is everlasting!
I will sing aloud to praise the Lord
I will bless Him and sing praises to Him,
I will bless Him with my whole heart and soul.
In His mercy the Lord provides the needs of His people
He guides and gives hope to the poor and lowly.

People in the land let us give thanks and praise to the Almighty

He deserves the best praises and our worship day by day.

The Lord strengthens the weak, sad, and lonely

He blesses them miraculously,

He lightens the load and pains of the faithful

He is merciful to all His people!

"The thought of my pain.... is bitter poison. Yet hope returns when I remember this one thing: The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. The Lord is all I have, and so in him I put my hope. The Lord is good to everyone who trust in him, so it is best for us to wait in patience – to wait for him to save us. The Lord is merciful and will not reject us forever. He may bring us sorrow, but his love for us is sure and strong. He takes no pleasure in causing us grief or pain" (Lamentation 3).

The Lord's Steadfast Love & Mercy

Indeed, the Lord takes no pleasure in seeing us in grief or pain. But, why are we in pain? Why are people in this world constantly groan in grief and suffering? In fact, Apostle Paul said: "It is not just creation alone which groans; we who have the Spirit as the first of God's gifts also groan within ourselves as we wait for God to make us his children and set our whole being free" (Romans 8:22-23).

We groan in pain because of sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Yes, we all have sinned, and many others still continue to sin. Our ancestors though they are gone, left behind them the effects of their sin. Lamentations 5: 7 says: "Our ancestors sinned, but now they are gone, and we are suffering for their sins." Hence, the world is filled with evil such as: crimes and violence, deceit, corruption, injustice, murder, disorder, moral decay, idolatry, faithlessness, treachery, lying and falsehood, sexual perversion, broken marriages, immorality. Certainly, these make people's lives miserable; full of sadness, pain, sorrows and grief. Even we who have the Holy Spirit as God's gift for our faith in his Son still groan, waiting for God to set our whole being (body, soul, spirit) free as the sacred scripture says.

Mankind has greatly sinned against God; we have caused God our Father great displeasure. And, because of our sin we would have been totally destroyed or wiped out. But God's goodness is constant and beyond compare. His love is steadfast and unfailing, "as sure as the sunrise". His mercy endures from generation to generation. So, His grace sustains us and keep us alive. Let us wait upon the Lord patiently; let us hope in his mercy and pray.

Dear Lord our God how great is your faithfulness! Your steadfast love never ceases. It is fresh every morning; it renews our strength every evening. Your mercy never comes to an end. Lord, we cannot praise you enough, we cannot thank you enough. But, Lord I pray, be pleased to accept our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving unto thee.

Be Merciful

God said: "Blessed are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy."

Be kind always to the poor and needy. "Kindness is as precious as human life", the Lord says Be kind and gracious to the faithful – to those

who faithfully serve the Lord

And you will be precious to Him more than silver and gold.

God has shown to us how kind and merciful He is,

By giving up His Son for our salvation.

The Son humbly obeyed the Father even to the cross,

Let us follow the Son no matter what the cost.

To man, this is surely difficult even impossible.

Remember, for God and with God -

Our Father & Savior all things are possible.

Let us give thanks to the Father for His only begotten Son Who saved us, and taught us to live as truly humans! "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."

Jeremiah 33: 3 KJV

Call Unto The Lord Our God

Apostle Paul wrote: Do the Jews then have any advantage over the Gentiles? Is there more value in being a Jew? Much, indeed, in every way! In the first place God trusted his message to the Jews. But what if some of them were not faithful? Does this mean that God will not be faithful? Certainly not! God must be true, even though all human beings are liars" (Romans 3:1-4).

Surely, the Jews had so many advantages over the Gentiles or people other than the Jews or Israelites. First, they are descendants of faithful Abraham with whom God made a promise, a covenant. Second, God entrusted to them the Law; the Ten Commandments that he gave to Moses to guide them and their coming generations. God gave them the Levites - the priests to teach them, to minister to them. God sent to them the prophets to remind, correct, discipline, and guide them. In other words, God especially care for them. In fact, God said: "Of all the nations on earth, you are the only one I have known and cared for" (Amos 3:2).

Now what advantage do we have in being a believer and faithful follower of God's Son Yahshua the Messiah? Countless! First of all, in the Name of Yahshua the Messiah/Jesus Christ we can call God our Father. We can worship God our Father and our worship is acceptable to him because of our faith in Yahshua the Messiah. We can anytime call to God and he is ready to answer us even show us great and mighty things we have not known yet. We can ask him for anything we need and he is eager to supply all our needs according to his riches. God is ever ready to show us his great salvation and keep us safe because he is our loving Father and we are his children. Above all, we have the advantage of enjoying life in the Kingdom of our Father and Savior in perfect peace, joy, and eternity.

Perhaps, you have experienced wanting the help of somebody. Trying to call him and see him in vain. It is not really easy, sometimes it is even embarrassing. On the contrary, God our Father encourages us saying: Call unto me and I will answer thee, I will tell you wonderful and marvelous things that you know nothing about." Let us sincerely call to our Father and Savior whose words are sharp, quick, and powerful, and who is truly dependable.

Lord, your goodness is really beyond compare; there is none like you. In spite of our weakness and shortcomings, you gladly welcome us every time we come to you. Lord, thank you! Thank you that you delight in answering us when we call to you.

I Called To The Lord My God

In my distress and trouble I called to the Lord my God I cried out to Him for mercy and help.

From His glorious throne in heaven He heard me and answered me

Out of His overflowing grace and mercy.

My God is the God who said: "Call unto me...."

He does what is right and good for everybody,

He is ready to answer the call of the distressed and needy

Who patiently wait and hope for His mercy.

I sing praises to God our Father who is loving and merciful

His words are dependable and His promises are sure.

He is holy and faithful; He never forget we are His frail creatures.

I also give thanks to the Father for our Lord and Savior

Who saved us from sin and from its terrible sting.

The Lord God lives in the heights of heaven

But He comes down to show His care to the humble and faithful.

He lifts the weak, and the repentant

He gives them hope and inspiration.

He willingly forgave our transgressions

Because He remembers what we are made of –

He remembers that we are only dust

We are prone to destruction.

In His goodness He delights to give us strength and protection

From all enemies and their deadly poison.

He sent His angel to guard us; He commands His creation to serve us.

O Lord, how great and wonderful is your goodness

I will declare your loving-kindness among the nations

You saved us from all our foes; you gave us victory over them.

You show your power and holiness to the whole world.

"Stop your crying and wipe away your tears. All that you have done for your children will not go unrewarded.... There is hope for your future.... You are my dearest child, the one that I love best. Whenever I mention your name, I think of you with love. My heart goes out to you; I will be merciful. I will turn your mourning into joy your sorrows into gladness" Jeremiah 31.

"There Is Hope For Your Future"

Are you sad and lonely? Are you in grief and crying? Keep calm, "there is hope for your future!"

I believe there are countless of people-men, women, youth, and children who groan, mourn, weep, and sigh everyday. Yes, people groan, cry, and sigh for this and that reason. Some of us groan as a result of our own wrongdoing. Other people are suffering and in grief or pain because of wrongs done against them like injustice, and oppression. Perhaps, some others like the youth are sad, lonely, and weep because circumstances that surround them are not favourable to them. For example: the poor and underprivileged, the children of broken families and homes, as well as the disabled. Some are in pain or mourning because of the loss of loved ones. While 30 others are groaning because of chronic illness. Really, there can be countless reasons as there are countless victims.

In times like these, usually the victims are at a loss (and we are all victims in one way or another). They don't know what to do and where to go. There is also the tendency to become bitter, angry, and hopeless. They think and feel that life and everything is utterly useless because people around are cruel; nobody really cares. Truly, sin is cruel; it easily hurts people, and since this world is full of sin, the world is cruel. But, in spite, remember, there is hope for your/our future because the One who created the world and everything in it do love us. Of all his creation/creatures, we are the ones he loves best.

So, whatever may be the situation, take courage. Do not lose hope. Do not forget that "With God nothing is impossible." Rather, "love God with all your heart, with all your mind, and with all your strength, and put your trust and hope in him who said: "Because he has set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him. I will set him on high.... He shall call upon me and I will answer him. I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him. With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation." "Stop your crying and wipe away your tears. All the good things that you do will be rewarded. I know you, whenever your name is mentioned, I think of you with love. I will turn your sadness into gladness, your sorrow into joy."

O God our Father in heaven Yahweh, dear Yahshua the Messiah, and Holy Spirit how marvelous and precious is your love! How delightful is your grace and righteousness. How sweet is your tender mercy. How great is your goodness!

A Song of Praise & Thanksgiving

I give you thanks, O Lord My Savior and my King I praise you with my whole heart. I praise you and thank you For you have forgiven me and saved me. In your loving-kindness and tender-mercies You pulled me out of my pitiful condition, Your saving grace is more than everything to me. I praise you and thank you because you saved me and restored me to where I should be.

In times of trouble I needed someone to help me But there was no one for me; no one to rescue me

But then, O Lord, I remembered how great you are!

How good, and kind you can be -

I prayed to you and you quickly took notice of me.

Surprisingly, you gave me more than what I could ever hope for

You gave me not only your love and mercy You gave yourself to me! HalleluYah! "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock" Matthew 7:7.

Ask, Seek, & Find

I'm sure many of us are wondering and say: If to obtain our needs is that easy, just ask the Almighty God and we will have all that we need, why are there millions of people around the world suffering – starving, sick, and homeless? Does this mean that people do not ask God to supply their needs?

Indeed, my brethren, our Father in heaven Yahweh and His Son our Lord Yahshua the Messiah taught us to pray and ask for our needs. In fact, the scripture says: "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God" (Philippians 4:6). "Verily I say unto you that whosoever shall say to this mountain, Be thou removed, and be cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatever he saith" (Mark 11:23). Yahweh Almighty himself challenged the Israelites saying: "...Put me to the test and see if I will not open the windows of heaven and pour upon you abundant blessings until there will be no more room enough to receive them" (Malachi 3:10). Oh! What a tremendous blessings.

The Lord God loves us so much. It is his pleasure to take good care of us; to supply all our needs day by day because He is who He is! He is the Almighty, loving, and merciful Father. Besides, he gladly takes the responsibility to see to it that everything we need for a good and honourable life is taken cared of because he is our Creator and Father through his Son our Savior. But, just as the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit are eager to do their part, we should also be devoted and eager to do our Father's will. We must do our part humbly and faithfully.

Let us meditate upon the following scriptures:

- "It is impossible to please God without faith" (Hebrews 11:6).
- "Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lust" (James 4:3).
- 3. "The truth is that at the same time you fast, you pursue your own interest and oppress

your workers. Your fasting makes you violent, and you quarrel and fight. Do you think this kind of fasting will make me listen to your prayers?" (Isaiah 58:3-4).

- 4. "All things, whatsoever ye ask in prayer, **believing**, ye shall receive" (Matthew 21:22).
- "If ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6: 15).
- "If you **abide** in me and my words abide in you, ask what ye will and it shall be done unto you" (John 15:7).
- "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33).

Heavenly Blessings

The Lord says: "Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks will receive, and anyone who seeks will find, and the door will be opened to those who knock."

The Lord is ready to open the doors and windows of heaven To pour upon us heavenly blessings.

Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart, mind, and strength

Praise Him for the abundant and wonderful blessings. The Lord God is rich beyond measure Both the heavens and the earth are filled with His treasures. Come, all ye peoples in the world, young and old Together let us gently knock the loving heart of the Lord. Together let us sing songs of praise and thanksgiving Let us joyfully sing and worship Him. Marvelous blessings will naturally flow Like a river that flows down to where it should go. Blessings of health, peace, and joy Blessings Physical and Material Blessings spiritual that money cannot buy. The holy God says: "I am the Lord your God, the one who wants to teach you for your own good and direct you in the way you should go. If only you had listened to my commands! Then blessings would have flowed for you like a stream that never goes dry. Victory would have come to you like the waves that roll on the shore" (Isaiah 48: 17-18).

Love For Each Other

Any loving Father and respectful child show their love and respect for each other in words, in thoughts, and in deeds. Since the Almighty Father in heaven loves us, he naturally wants to talk to us; teach us, guide us, correct us, discipline us, and comfort us. At the same time, he also wants to hear us; hear our greetings, our worship of Him through songs of praise, and prayers of thanksgiving. Talking and hearing is very important to make love flow and grow to its fullness. Friends who truly love and respect each other even share their secrets. In this particular case, their love and friendship has grown to the heights that they can well defend each other when one is in danger.

Children can also show their respect for their Father by obeying him. This is especially true to the 38 Almighty Father in heaven. We, as children should humbly and faithfully obey His Laws/ Commandments because He is holy and eternal. He is all-powerful and supreme over all. No one is wise enough to question the Laws of God the Father. No one is strong enough to stand against Him successfully. Someone may dare to stand against God but only for awhile because in the end he will surely be destroyed.

Do you greet God our Father in heaven every day? Morning, noon, and evening? The Psalmist said: "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice" (Psalm 55: 17).

Do you cry to the Lord for mercy and help? The Psalmist, our ancestors in the faith – the Bible heroes often cried to the Lord God. They made God their refuge and strength in times of trouble and distress, hence, they became victorious and heroes. Crying out to the Lord is not a sign of weakness and cowardice, rather, it is a special prayer that draws more strength and courage from God.

Perhaps, some of us would say, I always talk to God. Yes, but do you listen and obey? In my observation, I have noticed that even among friends there are people who always tell you their trouble, and problems wanting for advice and help but they don't have a bit of nerve to sacrifice in order to follow your advice and be out of trouble. They always want their own easy and wrong way. Thus, making their problems and trouble complicated.

Long time ago God had these words to his rebellious people. Let us seriously ponder upon these! "I knew that you couldn't be trusted, that you have always been known as a rebel. That is why you never heard of this at all, why no word ever came to your ears" (Isaiah 48:8). On the other hand, God said: "If only you had listened to my commands! Then blessings would have flowed for you like a stream that never goes dry."

Let The Lord Teach You

The Lord is kind and merciful

He lovingly teach and direct all His creatures.

Let us listen to the Lord's beautiful teaching

Let us constantly offer to Him our praise & thanksgiving.

The Lord takes good care of us and watch over us

He heals us from all ills, guide us, and protect us.

He willingly waits for everyone to come to Him

He is ready to stretch out His hand to help them.

The Lord God is holy, strong, and mighty

He is always ready and able to do anything for the humble and needy.

Let the whole world trust in Him

Let all peoples listen to Him and worship Him.

The Lord God is all-powerful

With Him nothing is impossible.

No one who humbly comes to Him will be rejected

No one who patiently waits for His mercy will be disappointed.

The Lord knows every man's heart and secret thoughts

He sees every act of kindness, sincerity, & humility.

The Lord rewards everyone accordingly

He blesses those who are worthy.

He is the Teacher who is all-knowing

He is the Lord of everything!

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).

Wait Upon The Lord

Life is full of waiting! I believe everyone understands how is it to wait; everybody knows that waiting is not easy! In our dialect, **La-ay Kaayo Maghulat**! I think that is the reason why there are many people who cannot wait for the right time, and genuine blessings. In fact, in my observation, there are even good-hearted people who succumbed to temptation and fell into disgrace and destruction because they did not have the patience to wait.

I suppose we all must have experienced how difficult it is to wait, and sadly no one can totally escape from it. Not even the smartest person in the world. All that we can do is to pray to God to give us the patience that we need or minimize the occasions of waiting or lessen the time of waiting.

Waiting has been really a part of life. Think of this, when a child is conceived we have to wait for nine months before the child is born. When a child is born we have to wait until he crawls, stands up, walks slowly, and he grows big enough. A single woman certainly waits for her perfect match to come along her way. The farmers have to wait until the seeds sprout, grow into a mature plant or tree before it bears fruits. The buds of flowers, we cannot force them to open before the right time otherwise, it will be ruined and we will miss the joy of seeing the beautiful flowers. All these are enough to make us realize that waiting is really an integral part of life and we must all have the patience to wait.

Sad to say that we have the patience but always not enough! Why do I say this? It is because even our ancestors in the faith Abraham and Sarah at certain point in their lives failed to wait. After all the hardship and troubles they went through in order to obey God and honor him, the couple failed to wait for the promised son. When the promise was made the couple was already old (both of them). They waited until they were almost one hundred years old. This, I believed prompted them to think and plan something much less than what God had prepared for them. The couple agreed that Abraham would sleep with their servant girl – Hagar so that by her, Abraham and Sarah could have a son. In other words, they were helping God fulfill His promise to them. Very good intentions! But sometimes our best intention does not lead us to the right destination and conclusion.

God is true and faithful even if all men become liars and unfaithful as the scripture says. God's promise was fulfilled. Sarah became pregnant and they named their son Isaac, the ancestor of the Jews or Israelites. But Isaac had already a half older brother Ismael, the ancestor of the Muslims. This I believe was apart from God's plan.

In conclusion, let us always remember my brothers and sisters that Yahshua the Messiah himself taught us to wait upon him saying: "I am coming soon!"

Let us wait and while waiting, let us constantly give (rededicate) ourselves to the Lord so that in his great goodness and mercy, he will renew our strength!

Patience & Waiting

Patience is a precious virtue while waiting is a task

Both are twins but can be separate at a time.

One can never wait without patience

Patience is void without the task of waiting.

The two always go together in pair

- Like a man who must have the Holy Spirit in order to do God's will.
- Let us give thanks to God-the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit
- For the blessing of valuable spiritual gifts.

Gift of patience that enable us to faithfully wait

- Gift of healing and the many others, for our well-being.
- Praise God for His holy and mighty Name
- Praise Him for His Son who taught us how to live and never wait in vain.

God is the Source of all good things

His treasures are available to all who fixed their hearts and minds in heaven.

Worldly riches and wealth are perishable

As well as the froward and worldly people.

Let us wait upon the Lord patiently

He is eager to bless us bountifully.

He is ready to renew our strength day by day

Let us all walk with the Lord gladly.

His loving care and comfort will keep us from being weary!

"I am the high and holy God, who lives forever. I live in a high and holy place, but I also live with people who are humble and repentant, so that I can restore their confidence and hope. I gave my people life, and I will not continue to accuse them or be angry with them forever. I was angry with them because of their sin and greed, and so I punished them and abandoned them. I have seen how they acted, but I will heal them. I will lead them and help them, and I will comfort those who mourn" (Isaiah 57: 15-18).

God's Amazing Promise

I suppose people think that because they have sinned against God, they wonder if God still love them, if God still care for them. They wonder if God would still accept them. God is holy and he hates sin. He loves his people so much that he gets hurt or displeased when people commit sin. But God is merciful beyond measure. In his mercy, he patiently wait for his people to humbly return to him. "God is holy and he lives in a high and holy place but he also lives with humble and repentant people." He longs for his people and he is eager to restore them. In fact, he once said: "Come now, let us reason together though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." "If you confess your sins unto me, I am faithful and just to forgive you your sins." (Isaiah 1:18; I John 1:9).

God the Father Yahweh is our creator. He knows what we are made of. He knows that there's nothing we can do to erase our sins or repair the wrongs we have done against him but sincerely repent and humbly return to him. How? The sacred scripture teaches us this: "People must repent of their sins and turn to God and do the things that would show they had repented" (Acts 26:20). When John the Baptist preached the message of repentance, some tax collectors asked him saying: "Teacher, what are we to do?" John answered: "Don't collect more than is legal." To the soldiers he said: "Don't take money from anyone by force or accuse anyone falsely. Be content with your pay." To the rest of the people John said: "Whoever has two shirts must give one to the man who has none, and whoever has food must share it" (Luke 3).

Let us also meditate on the following scriptures:

"...Have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins" (I Peter 4:8).

"Blessed are the merciful; God will be merciful to them" (Matthew 5:7).

"When you give to the poor, it is like lending to the Lord, and the Lord will pay you back" (Proverbs 19:17).

"Acts of kindness and charity are as lasting as eternity" (Sirach 40:17-Deuterocanonicals).

"Give generously to anyone who faithfully obeys God. If you are stingy in giving to the poor, God will be stingy in giving to you.... Taking care of the poor is the kind of offering that pleases God in heaven" (Tobit 4-Deuterocanonicals).

Let us humbly and gladly do the things that would show that we have repented and hopefully the merciful God will forgive us, heal us, comfort us, and help us.

Praise For God's Help

Let us praise the God of heaven and earth Who came down to heal and help the wounded. Let us sincerely mourn for the wrongs we have done To show to God our Father &Savior that we have repented and the past is really gone.

Turn away and leave behind the evils of the past days Be humble and be eager to do God's will now and forever. *Give thanks to the Almighty who is holy and faithful* Faithful to forgive our sins if we confess them to Him. He abhors sin beyond measure but in His goodness, *He never ignores the prayers of the repentant and humble. He knows when one is sincere and some are pretentious He is all-knowing, everyone must be conscious and serious.* God's grace and mercy is ever-flowing *He is ready to reward those who are discerning,* Ready to punish those who try to make a fool with Him. *Let us sincerely show a contrite heart* Let us be humble no matter what. *Give thanks to God with all humility and sincerity* Praise Him for He is the Almighty and He is worthy. Proclaim to everyone God's unfailing mercy *Tell the whole world how kind He is day by day.* No one is like Him in loving-kindness and tender-mercies *He deserves the best of our thanksgiving and praises!*

"It is better to pray sincerely and to please God by helping the poor than to be rich and dishonest. It is better to give to the poor than to store up gold. Such generosity will save you from death and will wash away all your sins. Those who give to the poor will live full lives...." (Tobit 13: 8-9 Deuterocanonicals)

Love and Kindness

Love and kindness are synonyms, and they are words that are strongly linked with each other for there could be no love without kindness. In other words, when we sincerely love someone, we are also kind to him or her. We cannot go on saying, "I love you" and then close our eyes, cover our ears to his aches and pains, his anguish or suffering. Instead, we say kind words, we do kind deeds to comfort and alleviate the pain and anguish, we inspire him, strengthen him, and help him because we love him.

Kindness is a virtue that is precious to the Lord. In fact, the sacred scripture says: "Kindness to the poor is as precious as life itself." Proverbs also says: If you are kind to the poor and deserving, you do yourself a favour because God will surely be kind to you. It is an act that is sweet and pleasant to God! I believe, that is the very reason why the second to the greatest commandment is: "Love your neighbour as you love yourself." It is because when we truly love our neighbour, we are also kind to him.

God the Father has shown his tremendous love and kindness to us through his Son our Lord as an example. We certainly do not deserve God's love and kindness but he did so to teach us that we should be kind to one another. Sad to say that in spite of what God the Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit had done, the world is still full of unkind people; people who are always ready to get no matter how, rather than give, ready to grab instead of give love. The world is full of selfish, greedy people, and oppressors. It is a very sad reality!

But Brethren, do not be discouraged; rather, be steadfast in doing the Lord's works inasmuch as you know that your labor in the Lord will never be in vain. The Lord Yahshua the Messiah said: "By this shall men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13: 35). Do we have love for one another? Or, do we really love one another? Let us always remember that it is not by our great achievements and possessions that we are identified as followers of Yahsua the Messiah but by our sincere love, our kindness, our genuine care for each other. "Such kindness or generosity will save you from death and will wash away all your sins."

In Praise of God's Kindness

Praise God all ye peoples; praise Him forever & ever God is kind to all peoples, kind even to the unfaithful. Proclaim to the whole world how good and kind He is-*Tell everyone the great things He has done.* People from generation to generation should know The wonders of God's love for me and for you. God loves and truly cares for us all *He is kind and patient beyond measure.* Praise Him for His kindness and tender mercies Praise Him for who He is! His kindness is overflowing eternally, *He is holy, great, and powerful* His kindness is marvelous and wonderful. *Let us praise the Lord with all our hearts*

Let us give thanks to Him all the days of our lives. Acknowledge that apart from the Lord we are nothing Let us give thanks to Him for everything. Be kind to others as the Lord is kind to you You will be rewarded for the beautiful things you do. God never forget His promises to His people He is especially kind to the humble and faithful! "I have worked, but how hopeless it is! I have used up my strength, but have accomplished nothing. Yet I can trust the Lord to defend my cause; he will reward me for what I do. Before I was born, the Lord appointed me; he made me his servant to bring back his people, to bring back the scattered people of Israel" (Isaiah 49: 4-5).

Work For What & For Whom?

Do you believe or do you ever think that before you were born, the Lord God has appointed you for his own plan and purpose? For his own very special work? And, do you feel that like prophet Isaiah you have worked hard but have accomplished nothing?

Perhaps not everybody, but I believe most of God's ministers in one way or another have felt as prophet Isaiah did, at certain point in their life and ministry. Yes, to be called, chosen, and appointed by God is a great honor but with it comes also the equally great sacrifice and responsibility. Allow me to share with you my personal experience.

At first, when the Lord called me to serve him, I thought it was only up to this and that, particularly as a Sunday School Bible Teacher. Although I had a bit of discomfort considering that at that time I haven't gone to formal Bible Schooling and training, I was confident that by God's grace I can manage. I never realized the Lord was preparing me for something greater and higher. When the Lord saw that I was ready for another ministry, through visions he urged me to write a book or books.

Write books? How in the world would God ask me to do it? I thought and said to myself. I am nobody. My English vocabulary is very limited. I have only twelve units in English subject as far as I could remember. Practically speaking, I did not know how to write a book. In addition, I had no money for such a ministry. I was full time mother to my four kids and a Bible Teacher in church. My husband had just left his secular job to work full time in church office. If we had money, it was too little to cover the family's needs like food, children's milk and medicine, house rental, light, and water bills, etc.

To me the Lord's urging to write books was not only absurd but frightening. It took me years before I had started writing, years also of praying and crying out to the Lord begging him to let other people do the writing of books instead of me. But the Lord was so kind and patient. He encouraged me and assured me of his help through dreams and visions. By God's grace, the time came that I had started writing not only a book but two books at the same time. One is my life experiences, and the other is a book of Biblical Poems. It was a kind of miracle! By the way it was not really easy; money was very scarce. Thanks God, incidentally, somebody gave me a good size of prescription pad while I was writing. It was a blessing; it provided my need of paper.

To cut the very long story short, I have written some books but despite, like prophet Isaiah many times I have felt and said to myself, "I have worked hard and have used up my strength, but have accomplished nothing." And, again, like the prophet my only comfort and assurance is: The Lord will defend my cause; he will reward me for what I do.

Yes we may not see the fruits of our works now, but we have incomparable assurance and hope that in due time we will be rewarded fairly because we do the Lord's work and we do it for his own honor and glory! God Almighty is the creator; the source of life and all good things

We are His creation and our life belongs to Him.

Let us live humbly and faithfully according to God's will

Living and doing His works in earth for His glory forever.

Flesh and blood is nothing without God's breath

He gave us His Law to be our strength and light,

The Holy Spirit as our Teacher and Guide.

Let us give thanks to the Almighty Father for our Savior & King

For the Holy Spirit and for everything.

God has chosen and appointed us to do His works

Not because we are wiser and mightier than the others,

But because we love Him and we want to glorify

Him and magnify His name forever.

God's works are not easy, but in union with His Son

He is ready to give us victory!

God helps those who trust in Him

He is ready to perform miracles for them.

Allow God to tell you some wonderful things

Allow Him to touch you for your healing.

Our body, soul, and spirit need to be healed

For the accomplishment of God's works in earth,

Through our union with His Son and the Holy Spirit.

Praise God and give Him joy, honor, and glory

Give thanks to Him day by day.

- He deserves more than all the good things that we can do and say
- Let us give to Him the best of our praises, thanksgiving, and all the glory!

"Do what is just and right, for soon I will have you. I will bless those who always observe the Sabbath and do not misuse it. I will bless those who do nothing evil....A man who has been castrated should never think that because he cannot have children, he can never be a part of God's people. The Lord says to such a man, 'If you honor me by observing the Sabbath and if you do what pleases me and faithfully keep my Covenant, then your name will be remembered...among my people longer than if you had sons and daughters. You will never be forgotten'" (Isaiah 56:1-5).

Never Forgotten

I suppose some old single men and women think that they will soon be forgotten. Yes, they probably think so because they have no children and grandchildren to carry their name through the coming years. But, again and again, let me say that God our loving Father and Savior is kind beyond compare. He is holy, just, and faithful. He is kind, just and faithful that he lovingly said: "If you do what is just and right, I will save you.... If you honor me by observing the Sabbath and if you do what pleases me and faithfully keep my covenant, then your name will be remembered among my people longer than if you had sons and daughters. You will never be forgotten." Oh! What a comfort, what an assurance. How beautiful!

If you happen to be an old and single man and woman, cheer up, you are never forgotten by the Lord. The Lord loves you and cares for you. You are never alone; the Lord is always with you as long as you do what is right, you do what pleases him. You will be remembered well longer than when you had children. Bear in mind that the Lord's words are holy, sharp, quick, and powerful. His promises are true and dependable because he is holy and faithful. Remember also brethren that even this world, sinful as it is, there are heroes (national heroes) who have no children but people from generation to generation remember them with so much love and respect because they did what was right, what was good for the people, and what was pleasing to the Lord God.

"If you honor me by observing the Sabbath...." The observance of the Sabbath is one of the Ten Commandments that God has given to his people through Moses. Think of it my brethren, of the many even countless things that God wanted to instruct his people, the observance of the Sabbath is one of the first Ten. Think how important it is! The commandment says: "Keep the Sabbath holy; I, Yahweh Almighty (God) made the Sabbath and keep it holy." Through prophet Isaiah God says: "I will bless those who always observe the Sabbath, I will bless those who do nothing evil." Yahshua the Messiah (Jesus Christ) also declared: "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law (Commandments), I am not come to destroy but to fulfill. Verily, I say unto you whosoever shall break one of the least commandments and teach men so, the same shall be called least in the Kingdom of heaven. But, whosoever shall do them and teach men so, the same shall be called great in the Kingdom of heaven."

Let us spend the Sabbath Day by giving honor and glory to the Lord God Almighty!

God Is Great

God is good, great, and powerful His greatness is unsearchable His deeds are mighty and wonderful. He is the Almighty and all-powerful He is glorious and supreme over all. He is holy and His holiness is beyond compare He is kind and He constantly shows His care. May all peoples around the world praise Him May all nations bow down to Him alone. Be glad and rejoice all faithful people The Almighty God is in control. *He created the world and all living things* Every creature-big and small belongs to Him. He commands them and they tremble in fear and in humble obedience They are eager to do everything for Him. God's words are holy, sharp, quick, and powerful, His promises are as good as fulfilled And, they are all beautiful! Give thanks to the Lord God all peoples Give thanks for He is good-His greatness is incomparable! Bow down and worship Him alone He is the source of life and all good things -So, our worship, to Him alone belongs.

"They complain about me. They say, 'Who does that man think he's teaching? Who needs his message? It's only good for babies that have just stopped nursing! He is trying to teach us letter by letter, line by line, lesson by lesson ...God offered rest and comfort to all of you, but you refused to listen to him. That is why the Lord is going to teach you letter by letter, line by line, lesson by lesson. Then you will stumble with every step you take. You will be wounded, trapped, and taken Prisoner."

(Isaiah 28: 9, 10, 12, 13)

The Best Education

Secular education is necessary and important. It enriches our knowledge in many things like Science, Mathematics, Language, Arts, etc. It also enhances our skills and abilities to perform so that we become more productive and useful to the community or society. But secular education alone is not enough to make a person truly human and wise. Secular knowledge and enhancement may even puff up the person's pride and lead him to destruction. Proverbs 16:18 says "Pride leads to destruction, and arrogance to downfall." On the other hand, the fear of the Lord or reverence for the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 1:7). The way to become wise is to honor the Lord; he gives sound judgement to all who obey his commands" (Psalm 111:10).

The best education comes from the Lord God alone who is the Creator; the one whose mind worked excellently in creation. The one who created us and all the good things around us. He is the Source of the best in every good thing. And, "He gives sound judgement, wise decision and action, to all who obey His commands." So, let no man take much pride in secular material advancement, rather, let us have reverence for God at all times.

Let us sincerely give thanks to God by being humble, kind and respectful to others. God says through prophet Jeremiah, "If any man boasts, let him boast in this alone that he knows me and understands me; that I do what is just and right for these are the things that please me" (Jeremiah 9:23-24). So, let every be kind and respectful to God's man servants/ministers. They are God's chosen ministers to watch over your souls day and night. Do not think so highly of yourself but be humble, kind, and honest with yourself and God. Do not be too proud to say: "Who does that man think he's teaching? Who needs his message? The message from the Lord God will surely lead you to righteousness and eternal life. But if you arrogantly refuse, "You will stumble, be wounded, trapped, and taken prisoner."

Truth and Humility Versus Dishonesty

Hear this peoples everywhere around the world

Those who love the truth, love life and

They humbly bow to the Source of life.

Those who live by the truth are blessed with the light of life,

- They never walk in darkness because the light that the truth reveals shines brighter in the midst of darkness.
- The truth sets the humble free from bondage and lead them to the way of righteousness.

It is said: "The truth will always prevail",

Yes, those who abide in the truth will never fail.

The truth is a priceless and mighty weapon-

A sure defense from accusation, harm and destruction.

The truth will lead us to eternal life

Because the home of truth is the Source of life.

But

Those who get rich by dishonesty

Will soon find themselves in anguish and misery,

They may succeed for a while

Certainly, it will not last forever.

They may think they will leave great riches to their children

In reality, their children will be forced to bear the unbearable shame.

Repent while there is time

The Lord is good and kind.

In His goodness and kindness, He is ready to forgive

Everyone who humbly and sincerely pleads.

"Abraham believed God, and because of His faith God accepted him as righteous. A person who works is paid wages, but they are not regarded as a gift; they are something that has been earned. But those who depend on faith, not on deeds, and who believe in the God who declares the guilty to be innocent, it is this faith that God takes into account in order to put them right with himself" (Romans 4:3-5). "Does this mean that by this faith we do away with the Law? No, not at all; instead, we uphold the Law" (Romans 3:31). "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also" (James 2:26).

Righteousness Through Faith

The sacred scripture says: "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." In other words everybody was sinful, unrighteous in the sight of God. How then can a man become righteous? Again, in the scriptures, Abraham, the father of faith is used as the example. When God Almighty called Abraham to leave their place and go to Canaan, Abraham answered God positively and obeyed in spite of everything-problem or obstacle. When God told Abraham through the visiting angel that Sarah would become pregnant and they would have a son, Abraham believed in spite that he and his wife were almost one hundred years old; they were too old to be able bear a son. When God told Abraham to offer his son-Isaac (God was testing Abraham's faith) Abraham humbly and willingly obeyed-started doing the very awful job but when God saw it, he halted Abraham's action. God found Abraham faithful to him, so he accepted Abraham as righteous- a righteous man. This principle was never changed and will never be changed.

This simply means that we (men and women) are put right with God the Father through our faith alone in his Son Yahshua the Messiah. The faith that obeys the words of God the Father. For faith without action or obedience is dead just as the body without the spirit is dead. Take note that I used the word action/obedience not "without works." This is to clarify that the works here is our action of obedience to the command or will of God. It is not the works of this and that achievement no matter how great and how good they may be. It is not how much wealth we owned or how great the works we have accomplished or how high and great is our position that we can be righteous in the sight of God our Father and Savior. It is by our faith in God and in his words alone. And, when we say we have faith, we also obey. In other words, faith that works in love. By our faith we uphold or obey the Law as the scripture says.

God's Goodness & Righteousness

- We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks for your goodness & righteousness
- With all our hearts we praise you and thank you.
- We will proclaim your goodness in the Assemblies of your people

Because your goodness is so beautiful and beyond measure.

My heart is glad and I sing for joy to my God

As I meditate and remember how tender is His care.

God is holy and the Almighty

He has supreme power and authority,

His goodness to everyone is for eternity.

People in the world, let us honor the Lord God Almighty

Let us heartily sing praises unto Him day by day.

The Lord God Almighty alone is worthy

Worthy of our worship and the highest honor and glory.

The Lord God is good to you and me He filled the world for us with wonders and beauty. May all creatures worship Him alone in His holiness

May the whole world bow down to Him for His righteousness and wonderful goodness!

"I am small and despised: yet do not I forget thy precepts. Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and thy law is the truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me: yet thy commandments are my delights.... Let my cry come near before thee, O Lord: give me understanding according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee: deliver me according to thy word.... Let thy hand help me; for I have chosen thy precepts." (Psalm 119:141-143; 169-170; 173).

Small and Despised

Yes, we are small and we are frail, we are despised but our God is the greatest of all! The God whom we worship; the God whom we love and serve is the Almighty and supreme over all. So, those of you who are small and despised cheer up! Those of you who started the Lord's works with very small beginning do not be discouraged. Prophet Zechariah declared the words of God Almighty to Zerubbabel saying: "The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the Lord of host hath sent me unto you. For who hath despised the day of small things? (Zechariah 4: 9-10).

The Lord God who called us and chosen us to do his works is the same God who created the universe and all natural things therein. Certainly, He is able and determined to accomplish all that he has begun in our lives; and he is able to accomplish his will on earth through us in union with Yahshua the Messiah our Lord.

We may be the smallest among all but do you remember Gideon? In times of Israel's distress, an angel of God appeared to Gideon while he was threshing wheat secretly. The angel said: "You are a brave man and God is with you." Gideon did not feel brave; he was the youngest son of an unimportant family in a weak tribe-Manasseh, he thought. But the angel again said: "You are strong man, Gideon. Go and use this strength to free Israel from its enemies – the Medianites."

Gideon shook his head and said: "How can I begin such a task?" "I am no leader." "No one would ever listen to me. I am not a good speaker." The angel persisted: "You can begin here in your town – Ophrah...." To cut the long story short, Gideon defeated Israel's enemies not by his own might and power but by the Spirit of God. Our God knows everyone and everything. He knows the secret of every man's heart. He knows very well whom he has

chosen. When we do our part of obeying him, he is faithful to accomplish what he has begun in us and with us. He is determined to do and accomplish what he intends to do. So do not be discouraged no matter how small your beginnings may be. It is really difficult but that is not unusual. In fact, I have read a book where the author says: "All beginnings are hard." While doing the will of God, just live one day at a time. Do not worry about anything but be strong, courageous and steadfast. In due time, the time the Lord has chosen, he will act on your/our behalf and everyone will be amazed at what the Lord has done.

Trust In The Lord

The Lord God is the Almighty He is holy and powerful He is merciful beyond measure. Trust in the Lord, all you who worship Him. He is good and compassionate. Trust in the Lord, all you who love Him He is kind and dependable. Trust in the Lord, all you who serve Him He is always true and faithful.

Trust in the Lord, all you who seek Him and His righteousness

He helps those who obey Him.

Trust in the Lord, all you who are in trouble The Lord God is kind and merciful, He hears the prayers of the needy and helpless. Trust in the Lord, all you poor and humble people

The Lord's riches are incomparable

He blesses with every good thing those who are humble. Trust in the Lord, all you who are weak and despised The Lord is the source of strength and all good things. Trust in the Lord, all you who are small and helpless The Lord is our sure defense and protection He is ready to show His great salvation.

Trust in the Lord, all you peoples in the land

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The Lord is faithful, loving, and merciful to everyone.

"Ho, ho, come forth, come forth and flee from the land of the North, saith the Lord: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the Lord. Deliver thyself.... For thus saith the Lord of host; after the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye.... Sing and rejoice, for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee saith the Lord. And many nations shall be joined to the Lord in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of host hath sent me unto thee" (Zechariah 2: 6-11).

The Apple of God's Eye

The Lord God in his anger scattered the Israelites abroad because of their sins; because of their disobedience. There, in the foreign land they suffered so much under the hands of their captors. But after they had suffered enough, after they realized how much they had sinned against God and humbly cried out to God for mercy, God's anger also cooled down.

God spoke through prophet Zechariah saying: "I will shake mine hand upon those who plundered you and they will be plundered even by their own servants. Sing and rejoice, for lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee. He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of my eye." Meaning, he that toucheth you or tries to harm you is touching what is very precious to me.

How kind and faithful is Israel's God and our God! Despite their disobedience and uncleanliness, God was ready to protect them and bless them after they had repented. God always wanted to dwell among them and to make them happy. Like the Israelites, we too have sinned against God in many ways. God hates sin but he loves us; he is patiently waiting for our return. He is ready to bless us and make us happy because we are very precious to him. HalleluYah!

Help Us I Pray

O Lord God help us I pray. You are holy and eternal You are Almighty You are holy and powerful You are supreme over all For you, nothing is impossible. We are nothing apart from Thee, Look upon us with mercy

Deliver us from all troubles Answer us when we pray unto Thee. We have no one to turn to but Thee. No one to turn to for mercy and help but Thee Help us I pray. You are the One we worship day by day To you alone we give the best of our praises and thanksgiving For you alone are worthy. We put our trust and hope in Thee In your great goodness and tender-mercies In your constant love and faithfulness, In your holy and limitless power and unsearchable wisdom So help us I pray!

"Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises and think is nothing, in order to destroy what the world think is important. This means that no one can boast in God's presence.... So then, as the scripture says, 'whoever wants to boast must boast of what the Lord has done.'" (I Corinthians 1: 26-29, 31).

God's Wisdom & Power

Truly, God's thought are much wiser than man's thoughts; God's ways are much higher than man's ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Generally, man's choice is always contrary to God's choice. What is highly esteemed among men or what the world considers of great value is worth nothing in God's sight (Luke 16: 15). God who is the omniscient, knows the secrets of every man's heart. He knows the past, the present, and the future. This must be the reason why what the world or people looks down on and despises; what the world thinks is nothing are the very ones God has chosen for his special plan and purpose. In other words, my friends, the world's standard is always contrary to God's standard or criteria. People judge according to what they see but the things that are seen will soon perish; the things that are not seen (like the purity of the heart) are of lasting value.

Another important reason my friend is that through the weak and despised ones God's glory will shine brighter. It is easy for everyone to recognize God's wisdom and power at work in the lives of the people he has chosen because everybody knows that before God called them, they had nothing and they were nothing before men. So that as the scripture says: "Whoever wants to boast must boast alone of what the Lord has done."

My friends, let me say to you do not be surprised; do not be discouraged when the Lord calls you and you strongly feel and think you are nobody, you have nothing. I have experienced it myself together with my family. When the Lord encouraged me to write books, I felt I was not capable; I thought I could not really do it. I did not even know how to start especially that we had no money. We had no household helpers to do the works at home. My children were young and going to school. There were many things to attend to everyday like cooking, keeping our house clean, washing the dishes and the clothes, etc. In my mind, I had countless reasons why the Lord should give the task to someone else. I had even asked myself, who do you think Dina would like to read your books?

But, now, with my whole heart I thank and praise God for being so good, kind, and patient with me. For all the books I have written; for all my success and victories to God the Father Yahweh, His Son Yahshua the Messiah, and the Holy Spirit alone be the highest honor and glory forever and ever! For you alone dear God are worthy!

God's Care

God cares for the poor and needy He raises them and relieves them from their misery, He honors those who obey Him faithfully. God lives in the heights of heavens But He bends down to show His care To the whole earth and every creature therein. *Every living thing in the whole universe is under His care But He is not too busy to answer the cry of the needy.*

- In His great goodness, He shows more attention to the humble and lowly
- *He lifts them to honor for everyone to see His incomparable mercy.*

God prefers to choose the humble, the weak, and the helpless To show to the world the ways of righteousness.

God wants all peoples to know that the choice of the flesh is contrary

To what is acceptable in the heavenly places -

Everyone should take heed and follow the Lord always.

Give thanks to the Lord God Almighty

He is holy, just and fair in every way

He blesses everyone according to His riches in glory!

"Sovereign Lord, you made the earth and the sky by your great power and might; nothing is too difficult for you. You have shown constant love to thousands, but you also punish people for the sins of their parents. You are great and powerful God; you are the Lord Almighty. You make wise plans and do mighty things; you see everything that people do, and you reveal them according to their actions.... I am the Lord, the God of all people. Nothing is too difficult for me" (Jeremiah 32: 16-19;27).

"Nothing Is Too Difficult For Me"

As human beings, our thoughts, our understanding, our strength are very limited. Consequently, we feel, think, and say to ourselves we are weak; we are too small to do and accomplish certain task even think it is impossible. On the human point of view, it is true that we are nothing. But the children of God through faith in his Son Yahshua the Messiah are no ordinary human beings. For we have become new persons in union with Yahshua the Messiah. We have become children of God Almighty who made the earth and the sky by his power and might and who said: "Nothing is too difficult for me." Yahshua the Messiah on the other hand said: "Apart from me, you can do nothing but if you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask what you will and it shall be done unto you." Apostle Paul who went through terrible persecutions also declared: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13). This simply means that we can do what God wants us to do because while we do our part in his own way, not our way, he will supply all our needs and make us able to accomplish what we have started.

I said, in God's way not our own way. Let me say something about this briefly. Usually, we have the tendency to go fast or be in a hurry once we know already what God wants us to do. Go fast or hurriedly do things that we sometimes forget to consult God how to do it. Rather, we need to spend more time to seek the Lord's guidance and help so that we will be attune to his own plan and will. Otherwise, our time, efforts, and other resources would be wasted; and fall into the danger of being discouraged.

Do and go slowly but surely. Pray and wait patiently for the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. What is important is that we know what we need to do and we are willing and ready to obey the Lord God Almighty.

Prophet Jeremiah was in prison when God answered Jeremiah's prayer and said: "Nothing is too difficult for me." It was also the time when Hanamel, Jeremiah's relative went to him and made a request to buy his field at Anathoth while the Babylonians were attacking Jerusalem. God had informed Jeremiah earlier about the coming of Hanamel and his request. So Jeremiah knew it was God's will. Humanly speaking, it was a paradox. Why should a prophet who is in prison buy a field at the time of war? But Jeremiah readily obeyed God because he knew God had a special purpose. The buying and selling transaction was to give hope to Israel. God did not mean to completely destroy them but to punish and correct them. The transaction was to show to them that someday after they have learned their lesson, they will be back home and live a normal life. There will be buying and selling again among them. Sometimes because of our limited understanding we think that God's ways are paradoxical but it is always best to obey.

Let God Rule and Reign

Our God is great and glorious *His glory is above the heavens He lives in the heights of heaven* But He bends to see His people on earth. God looks at the heart of every man He is great, mighty, and powerful *That He rewards everyone fairly* According to what each one has done. Let all peoples say "God is good and just" *His justice is shown in all His actions. Give thanks to the Lord God all peoples* Give thanks and say "His goodness is beyond compare His love is eternal and His faithfulness last forever." Let God rule and reign over your lives Let God rule and reign over your houses Let God rule and reign over your cities Let God rule and reign over all nations. God is our Creator and we belong to Him Let us live to do God's will and honor Him.

God is merciful and He will never forget us

He will bless everyone who honors Him.

Give thanks to the Lord God all peoples

Give thanks and worship Him in spirit and in truth.

Praise the Lord God all peoples in the land

Praise Him and worship Him alone in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord God is good and kind to all

He is the supreme ruler of all creatures.

"....But Abraham said, "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death.""

(Luke 16:31)

Listening and Obeying

One day Yahshua the Messiah told a story to his followers. The story is about the Rich man and the poor man Lazarus. The Rich man was really very rich that he lived in great luxury. The poor man was really very poor and sick that he used to stay at the door of the Rich man hoping to eat the bits of food that fell at the Rich man's table. Sometime later both the Rich man and the poor man died. The Rich man was buried and was in great pain. While the poor man was buried, happy and enjoying with Abraham. The Rich man beg Abraham saying: "Father Abraham have mercy on me; send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue because I am in great pain in this fire." Abraham answered: "There is a deep pit lying between us, so that those who want to cross over from here to you cannot do so." The Rich man: "Then Father Abraham I beg you, send Lazarus to my father's house to warn them so that at least, my father and brothers will not come to this

place of pain." Finally, Abraham said to the Rich man "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone were to rise from death."

Everyday we hear so many things about this and about that. We listen to local, national, international news to keep us informed. Of course, it is good to do so. But are we really conscious who we are listening to and for what? I suppose there are people who love to listen to gossip, lies, falsehood, accusation, and other things which are nonsense and destructive not only to themselves but even to many innocent people. Indulging in gossip, lies, nonsense and filthy talks ruins a person's character, and people's relationship.

Above all, my friends, do we take time to listen to Moses and the prophets whose writings are messages that come from the Lord God Almighty? God gave to his people the Law/Commandments through Moses and the prophets spoke God's word by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to warn the people, to guide them, to correct them for a good and righteous living. Do we obey the commandments? Apostle James says: "Be ye not only hearers of the Law but be ye also doers of the Law" (James 1:22). I believe apostle James said this after he had noticed that there are people who love to listen and never obey the teaching or the Law of God. People who only want to be intertained but never participate. But what good is there in our listening if we do not obey? To know and to boast about our knowledge? God forbid! For we are to know, learn, and do for the good of everyone according to the will of God and for his honor and glory!

I suppose the reason why the Rich man was in great pain when buried was because he did not listen and obey God's words through Moses and the prophets; God's words in the Bible. So, for our reminder, let us learn to sing this song with the little children. "O Be careful little ears what you hear. O Be careful little mouth what you say. For the Father up above is looking down in love, so be careful little ears what you hear. O Be careful little eyes what you see. O Be careful little hands what you do. For the Father up above is looking down in love, so be careful little hands what you do."

Lord, Cause Me To Hear You

Lord, cause me to hear you clearly *Cause me to walk in the way you have chosen for me.* Make me feel the warmth of your wonderful love *Guide me and help me do Thy will day by day.* Cause me to hear you well and show me clearly the difference between right and wrong In everything seen or unseen they may be. *Open my ears, my mouth, and my eyes To hear, speak, and see things of beauty* Things that bring you joy, honor, and glory! Make my whole being perfectly attend to Thee Make me feel, think, do, and say According to your perfect will only. *Hear me when I pray* For I am nothing apart from Thee. Help me and be glorified in my life everyday *Be exalted among the heathen through me. Let Thy people see your glory upon me* That they may live and walk rightly.

Lord, look upon us all with mercy Lead us to where we should be For the sake of your holy name, your honor, and glory. Lord, cause me to hear you clearly And help me do your perfect will every moment of the day. "If ye love me, keep my commandments....He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.... If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me" (John 14: 15,21,23; Revelation 3:20).

Keeping God's Commandments

Certainly, I give thanks to our Father and Savior for people who say that they love God. At the same time, I pray that all of them would also realize that loving in words only is not enough. For God says: "If you love me keep my commandments. He that keepeth my commandments, he it is that loveth me.... I will manifest myself to him."

The greatest commandment: "Love Yahweh (God) with all your heart, with all your mind, with all your strenght" is a strong reminder to us that our love must be sincere; we should love in words, in thoughts, and in deeds. Showing our love in deeds 92 simply means that we do the things that bring joy, honor, and glory to God our Father & Savior. In other words, we delight in obeying his commandments. The second greatest commandment is: "Love your neighbors as you love yourself." Or love one another as I have loved you", the Lord says to his disciples. On another occasion the Lord Yahshua the Messiah also said: "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another" (John 13: 35).

My friends, the teaching, the instruction of Yahshua the Messiah is very clear. People around the world will know that we are his disciples by our love for one another. In reality, what does this mean? It means, we must truly care for one another. We should always look not only for our own interest but for the interest and welfare of everyone. We must be ready to help the needy, to build up each other, and to support every good and noble cause for the benefit of all. We should always remember Yahshua the Messiah's words: "Love one another as I have loved you."

To love one another also means to be humble towards each other, be always kind and respectful. No more jealousy, no more envying, no more pride and arrogance, no more oppression and injustice, etc. Sadly, even among members of Christian churches the aforesaid traits are still common. So may we all strive to grow in the faith and in our knowledge of the will of God until we all reach the fullness of the measure of the stature of Yahshua the Messiah our Lord.

Above all, let us gladly obey the Commandments of God the Father and the teaching of his Son our Lord and Savior. Finally, may we all hear the gentle knock of the Lord and open our hearts to him that he may be able to come in and eat with us, and we with him. Eat the words of God!

The Law or The Ten Commandments

- 1. I am Yahweh your Elohim (God). Worship no god but me.
- 2. Do not make for yourselves images of anything in heaven or on earth or in the water under the earth.
 - Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, because I am the Lord your God and I tolerate no rivals.
- Do not use my name-Yahweh for evil purposes, for I, the Lord your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name.
- 4. Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy.

- Honor or Respect your father and your mother, so that you may live a long time in the land that I am giving you.
- 6. Do not commit murder.
- 7. Do not commit adultery.
- 8. Do not steal.
- 9. Do not accuse anyone falsely.
- 10. Do not desire another man's house, do not desire his wife or anything else that he owns.

Exodus 20

Yahshua the Messiah said:

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the most important commandment. The second most important commandment is like it. Love your neighbor as you love yourself" (Matthew 22: 37 & 39).

Yahshua the Messiah also said:

"Do not think that I have come to do away with the Law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets. I have not come to do away with them, but to make their teaching come true. Remember that as long as heaven and earth last, not the least point nor the smallest detail of the Law will be done away with – not until the end of all things. So then, whoever disobey even the least important of the commandments and teaches others to do the same, will be least in the Kingdom of heaven. On the other hand, whoever obeys the Law and teaches others to do the same, will be great in the Kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5: 17-19).

In Praise of God's Law

Your Law dear God is perfect It teaches and enlightens the hearts and minds. It is like a lamp or a light That guides our feet to the right and safe path. Your Law dear God is precious and dependable More precious than the most valuable jewels. It is more dependable than any sharp weapon Because your words are sharp and powerful, sharper than to two-edged swords. I love your Law dear God as I love you! It is my very precious possession.

Help me to constantly abide in your Law and let your Law abide in me,

For your Law in me is my light and weapon

My sure defense and protection.

Your Law dear God makes the wise wiser

Because your Law is your own wisdom

Sent to the world for the good of every man and woman.

I praise you and thank you dear God for your Law

I praise you and thank you for your grace that enables me to observe your Law with my whole heart.

At night I rise to meditate how precious is your Law

How plenteous are its benefits,

How sweet are your words and instruction.

It gives me understanding and sound judgement.

It makes life meaningful and beautiful!

My Praise & Prayers

Dear God our Father in heaven Yahweh, dear Lord Yahshua the Messiah our Savior and our King, and Holy Spirit you are holy and eternal. You are great and glorious, your greatness is unsearchable! You are holy and powerful; you are supreme over all and with you nothing is impossible. Your love and mercy is beyond measure. Your deeds are mighty and wonderful!

There is none like you Father. None like you in righteousness and holiness. None like you in greatness and power. None like you in goodness and faithfulness. None like you in loving-kindness and tender mercies.

You alone Father are worthy of our worship; worthy of the highest honor and glory, and the best praises and thanksgiving now and forever. We worship you Father for who you are. We praise you and thank you for your love, mercy and favor. We praise you and thank you for your grace and blessings upon me, my family, and the Truth Seekers Assemblies & Ministries. We praise you and thank you that we can come to you in behalf of all thy beloved peoples and the whole creation. We praise you and thank you for blessing us all with good health, strength in body, soul, and spirit. We praise you and thank you for your continuous guidance and protection upon us all.

Father, we praise you and thank you for taking good care of us; for blessing us with all good things even much more than we could ever think of or ask for. We praise you and thank you for your love and grace that bind us all your children and keep us bound in perfect peace and unity. We praise you and thank you for blessing us with victories and success in all our noble endeavors even victory over the whole world, lasting success and prosperity. We praise you and thank you that you are always ready to answer our prayers; you are always there for us ready to show us your great salvation. We praise you and thank you for the holy angels you sent to us and for us; to protect us, defend us, keep us safe and help us do your perfect will always.

Father, we praise you and thank you for our country – the Philippines, the land of promise and beauty. We praise and thank you for all the good and beautiful things around us such as the plants, flowers, fruit trees, sunshine, fresh air, fresh and clean waters. We praise you and thank you for the beautiful sky-the sun, the moon, the stars, the clouds, the rain and all that is therein. We praise you and thank you for the fowls in the air, the animals in the fields, the seas and sea creatures. We praise you and thank you for the hills, the mountains, the valleys and every good thing therein. We praise you and thank you for the more than seven thousand islands in the Philippines, the rivers, the brooks, and the springs. We praise you and thank you for the whole universe and all good things therein.

Father, we praise you and thank you for your loving-kindness and tender-mercies upon us all!

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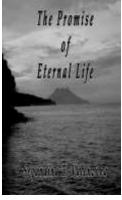
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