SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE BEREAVED

I do not do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. (John 6:38)

Can a mother forget the baby at her breast and have no compassion on the child she has borne? Though she may forget, I will never forget you. (Isaiah 49:15)

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Mathew 5:4)

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

LORD, be gracious to us; we long for you. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress. (Isaiah 33:2)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. (John 14:27)

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30)

The LORD is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley,I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. (Psalm 23)

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. (Isaiah 40:29)

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. (Psalm 34:18)

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

Praise be to God and Father or our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Compassion and the God of all Comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. For just as we share abundantly in Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurances of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our comfort. (Corinthians 1:3-7)

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God. And we know in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:26-28)

I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Psalm 91)

I am. Jesus offers forgiveness, redemption, and eternal life.