

DAY 2

We do not know what we ought to pray for. (Romans 8:26)

~~ *Pray to be like Jesus* ~~

Often it is simply the answers to our prayers that cause many of the difficulties in the Christian life. We pray for patience Father sends demanding people our way who test us to the limit, “because ... *suffering produces perseverance*” (Rom. 5:3). We pray for a submissive spirit, and God sends suffering again, for we learn to be obedient in the same way Christ “*learned obedience from what He suffered*” (Heb. 5:8).

We pray to be unselfish, and God gives us opportunities to sacrifice by placing other people’s needs first. We pray for gentleness and quickly face a storm of temptation to be harsh and irritable. We pray for love for others, and God sends unique suffering by sending people our way who are difficult to love and tear at our heart.

Yes, we pray to be like Jesus, and God’s answer is “I have tested you in the furnace of affliction” (Isa 48:10)

The way to peace and victory is to accept every circumstance and every trial as being straight from the hand of our loving Father; to live “with him in the heavenly realms” (Eph. 2:6) in the very presence of His throne. Amen. (LC – May 13)

~~ *Pray* ~~

Abba Father,

Please forgive my pride and confidence on my faith. I thought I know Your heart. And, I want to be obedient and matured enough to walk with the Holy Spirit and exercise my faith in the name of Jesus. Please help me to accept every circumstance and every trial as messages from You, and make me humble and obedient.