# **Prayers of Frustration**

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*KJV* "How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?"

# Psalm 25:16-17

*KJV* "Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou me out of my distresses."

# **Comforting Verses**

## 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

KJV "...and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation..."

## Psalm 119:76

*KJV* "Let, I pray thee, thy merciful kindness be for my comfort, according to thy word unto thy servant."

# Psalm 34:18

*KJV* "The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

## Psalm 147:3

KJV "He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds."

#### 1 Peter 5:7

KJV "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

#### Isaiah 41:10

*KJV* "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."

## **Romans 15:13**

*KJV* "Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost."

# Romans 4:21

KJV "And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform."

# **Encouraging Reminders**

### Hebrews 11:1

KJV "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

#### **Ecclesiastes 3:1**

KJV "To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven."

### **Proverbs 3:5**

KJV "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."

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KJV "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps."

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KJV "Delight thyself also in the Lord: and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart."

#### **Romans 12:12**

KJV "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer."

#### 2 Corinthians 1:20

KJV "For all the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."

### **Isaiah 40:31**

*KJV* "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; and they shall walk, and not faint."

#### Isaiah 26:3

*KJV* "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

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# **Renew Your Mind**

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*KJV* "That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man."

## Mark 11:24

*KJV* "Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

#### Jeremiah 29:11

*KJV* "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end."

## Romans 8:28

KJV "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

#### Psalm 56:3-4

*KJV* "What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I will praise his word, in God I have put my trust..."

#### Romans 4:20

*KJV* "He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God."

# **Everyday Affirmations to Restore Hope**

## Psalm 66:19

KJV "... Verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer."

## Philippians 4:6-7

*KJV* "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

### Luke 1:45

*KJV* "And blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord."

#### 1 Samuel 1:27

KJV "For this child I prayed; and the Lord hath given me my petition which I asked of him."

## **Psalm 13:6**

KJV "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me."

## Job 10:12

KJV "Thou hast granted me life and favour..."

# **Biblical Stories of Infertility**

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Topics - support, confusion, disappointment.

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o Topics - hope, jealousy, insecurity, sorrow, impatience, desperation, joy, relief.

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o Topics - grief, anguish, despair, shame, support, prayer, peace, faith, promise.

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