

*And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

- Philippians 4:7

Father, thank You for Your peace. When fear, anxiety, shame, and grief cause \_\_\_\_\_ to lose hope, \_\_\_\_\_ can hold tight to Your promise of a peace that surpasses all understanding. Lord, may \_\_\_\_\_ claim this peace that will guard \_\_\_\_\_ heart and mind in Christ Jesus.

*I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.*

- Isaiah 44:22

Father, \_\_\_\_\_ grieve/s for the offenses \_\_\_\_\_ have/has committed against You, against others, and against my/him/herself. Thank You for Your unfailing love that blots out \_\_\_\_\_ transgressions like a cloud and \_\_\_\_\_ sins like mist. Lord, that \_\_\_\_\_ return/s. No more running, but surrendering it all in full trust of Your redemption of all \_\_\_\_\_ sins.

*For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith.*

- 1 John 5:4

Father, thank You for giving \_\_\_\_\_ a path to victory! Even when the difficulties are mounting and weariness threatens to overtake \_\_\_\_\_ spirit, \_\_\_\_\_ know/s that everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. Jesus conquered defeat and through Him, \_\_\_\_\_ has victory!

*But for this purpose I have raised you up, to show you my power, so that my name may be proclaimed in all the earth.*

- Exodus 9:16

Father, thank You for creating \_\_\_\_\_ for a purpose so that \_\_\_\_\_ may know in the face of obstacles and trials, there is hope. You have raised \_\_\_\_\_ up to show \_\_\_\_\_ Your power, so that Your name may be proclaimed in all the earth. Give \_\_\_\_\_ strength to persevere when adversity strikes knowing that Your purpose will not be thwarted. Set \_\_\_\_\_ on the path You have created for \_\_\_\_\_.

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## Longing for *More* than the **World's Reflection**

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*"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ... "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing"*

- John 15:1-25

Father, thank You for reminding \_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ is/am good enough because of the pruning work You are doing in \_\_\_\_\_ life. As \_\_\_\_\_ abide/s in You, You prune away that which doesn't produce fruit and in doing so, You produce even more through \_\_\_\_\_. Apart from You \_\_\_\_\_ can do nothing, but with You \_\_\_\_\_ is/am capable of much!

*And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.*

- 2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Father, thank You for seeing \_\_\_\_\_ and establishing \_\_\_\_\_ with You in Christ! God, thank You for anointing \_\_\_\_\_, putting Your seal on \_\_\_\_\_ and giving \_\_\_\_\_ Your Spirit in \_\_\_\_\_ heart as a guarantee. Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ has/have been stamped as Yours. As noteworthy - *having value and purpose.*

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.*

- Ephesians 2:10

Father, thank You for uniquely creating \_\_\_\_\_ with love. \_\_\_\_\_ is/am Your workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which You prepared beforehand, that \_\_\_\_\_ should walk in them. Oh, Lord, that \_\_\_\_\_ be called Your workmanship! What a honor to be so special in Your eyes!

*Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience...*

- Colossians 3:12

Father, when the brokenness of this world pummels \_\_\_\_\_ heart and \_\_\_\_\_ see/s the sins for which \_\_\_\_\_ am/is guilty, the enemy taunts \_\_\_\_\_ with words that say \_\_\_\_\_ am/is unworthy of love. But, Father, You call \_\_\_\_\_ Your chosen one, holy and beloved. Not chosen and loved only if, but chosen and loved. *Period.* May \_\_\_\_\_ embrace that truth and live as You call \_\_\_\_\_ to live.