

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Rejoicing With Those Who Rejoice

Heavenly Father, we pray for those among us who are rejoicing:

For those who are celebrating life's milestones: falling in love, the joy of marriage, the birth of a child, a birthday or anniversary celebration, winning at work or the start of retirement.

For those in the prime of life, who are enjoying good health, physically, mentally and emotionally.

**We rejoice with those who rejoice. Their joy is our joy.
Their strength is our strength. Their victories are our victories.**

For those who have enjoyable and meaningful employment, who are productively using their God-given talents and are living debt-free.

For those enjoying a positive, loving home-life and are surrounded by strong, life-giving friendships, who are well cared-for and supported.

For those experiencing joy and vitality in their faith and closeness in their relationship to Christ.

**We rejoice with those who rejoice. Their joy is our joy.
Their strength is our strength. Their victories are our victories.**

Now take a moment to pray for someone specific you know, who is in a season of rejoicing
[Allow a moment or two of quiet] Now together again:

**We rejoice with those who rejoice. Their joy is our joy.
Their strength is our strength. Their victories are our victories.**

As you continue to bless them, help them to remember to be thankful and acknowledge that every good and perfect gift comes from You. Nudge them to leverage their success and blessing to benefit and build up others, not just to hoard their happiness for themselves. May they never feel pressure to stifle their excitement, but let their joy be contagious and their victorious living overflow to us all. **Amen.**

Mourning With Those Who Mourn

Heavenly Father, we pray for those among us who are in mourning:

For those who are suffering with physical, mental or emotional illness, who spend too much time in hospitals and doctor's offices, who are in constant pain, are over-medicated or live without a clear diagnosis.

For those who have had to bury a loved one, or are overwhelmed by the demands of caring for someone with a serious or even terminal illness.

For those who are lonely or alone, who struggle to feel like they belong.

**We mourn with those who mourn. Their grief is our grief.
Their pain is our pain.
Their tears are our tears.**

For those facing frustration or failure at work, or in school. For those who are unemployed or under-employed, who are swimming in debt and can't pay their bills.

For those in dysfunctional families, experiencing friction between family members or friends, those who feel like they're living in constant conflict or have seen a relationship come to a painful end. For those seeing dreams go down in flames.

For those experiencing doubt in their faith and distance in their relationship to Christ.

**We mourn with those who mourn. Their grief is our grief.
Their pain is our pain.
Their tears are our tears.**

Now take a moment to pray for someone specific you know who is in a season of mourning.
[Allow a moment of quiet] Together again -

**We mourn with those who mourn. Their grief is our grief.
Their pain is our pain.
Their tears are our tears.**

God, may you continue to comfort them, help them to remember that you are not a stranger to suffering, but that you understand our weakness and pain and are with us in the midst of it. Encourage them to share their burdens with those whom they trust, that they might experience your love, comfort and help through the hands and words of others. May they never feel

pressure to hide their grief, but rather allow the time spent in suffering to grow them more and more into Your image. **Amen.**