

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING




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When lightning strikes, it does so with little warning and great violence. Whether you know them a little or a lot, when someone receives a devastating blow, you are hardwired with God's heart to come alongside and care.

I've assembled the Scriptures I turn to and share most often and the prayers I pray to cover those experiencing trauma in the following situations:

PHYSICAL

- *Psalm 18:2 The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*
- *Romans 8:18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*
- *Job 6:10 This would be my comfort; I would even exult in pain unsparing, for I have not denied the words of the Holy One.*
- *Jeremiah 17:14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.*
- *1 Peter 5:9-10 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.*
- *James 5:14-15 Is anyone among you sick? He should call in the church elders. And they should pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Lord's name. And the prayer of faith will save him who is sick, and the Lord will restore him; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.*

PRAYER

Father, You created our bodies, forming our inward parts in the womb. You alone know how to make things right. Creator God, we ask you to be true to your name and your nature and to grant healing. Pour out Your mercy and grace during this season of physical suffering. May Your power be all-sustaining until healing comes. May the truth of your Word provide a balm of peace and strong protection against fear. Bring friends to show compassion and provide for tangible needs right now. You have been exalted as Lord over all: this includes all sickness and disease. So we praise you for the work you are going to do in the precious name of Jesus, who shed his own blood so that we can be made whole. It's in Your mighty name and through Your power, that we pray for healing, Amen.

FINANCIAL

- *Genesis 9:3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. And as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything.*
- *Psalms 81:10 I am the LORD your God, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.*
- *1 John 3:22 and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.*
- *Matthew 6:21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
- *Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."*
- *Philippians 4:12 I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want.*

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, the whole earth is yours. When we find ourselves in want, help us to remember that you are the giver of all good things. We are never outside of your care. You are bigger than any challenge we will ever face, even and especially finances. Grant clarity on what to do next, connections to people or organizations who can help, creativity to not just survive but conquer our current circumstances, and contentment in this situation. Help us to be faithful stewards over all You have entrusted to us. In this moment we trust that You will be faithful to supply all our needs according to Your riches and glory. May we truly be able to say that when we are in plenty and when we are in want we have been faithful to bless your name continually.

MORAL

- *Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.*
- *James 5:13-16 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*
- *Isaiah 6:7 He touched my lips with it and said, "See, this coal has touched your lips. Now your guilt is removed, and your sins are forgiven."*
- *James 4:6a He gives us more grace...*

- *James 1:12 Blessed is the man who perseveres in temptation, for when he has been proved he will receive the crown of life that he promised to those who love him.*
- *1 Corinthians 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

PRAYER

Lord, first I must confess my own faults and failures. We are all sinners, and this could so easily be my story too. Today my heart is heavy for one who has succumbed to temptation and fallen into sin. I pray for true repentance and revival in the many hearts affected by this situation, and rejoice in the amazing God that you are whose very name is Redemption. I pray for truth and mercy to abound, for deep truths to be revealed in love and for balance and normality to return. I pray protection from further temptation, for courage to confess, and perseverance to bear the consequences on the long road to recovery. Provide a strong community that can help bear the burdens of this fallen one and that reflects the amazing forgiveness and love that you have modeled for us. Do not let Satan use this for evil, but turn this—as you do all things—for Your glory and good. In the name of the precious Son you sent to fix our messes and for such a time as this, Amen.

LOSS

- *Job 1:21 And he said, "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked shall I return. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD." It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.*
- *Lamentations 3:22-24 The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I have hope in Him."*
- *Psalms 34:18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.*
- *Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.*
- *2 Corinthians 4:17-18 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*
- *Psalms 18:2 The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

PRAYER

Lord, in the anguish of today, we cry out for Your mercy. God You never fail us, and are always with us, even in the darkest time. I pray for abundant compassion to surround the aching hearts of these dear ones today. When the pain seems too hard to bear, may they remember that You are good, You never leave. Let Your Holy Spirit provide peace and Your very name bring comfort. Lord, You know and feel every tear, and promise to wipe all of them away someday. We long for the day when there is no more mourning and cling to the hope we have in You. Be the strength and portion and be close to these brokenhearted I pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.