

Scriptures for comfort and hope

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The Lord is my strength and my shield.
Psalm 28:7

*God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.
Isaiah 12:2*

Be still, and know that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

*Do not worry about anything,
but tell God every detail of your needs
in earnest and thankful prayer,
and the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
will keep guard over your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
Philippians 4:5-7*

The Lord is faithful;
he will strengthen you
and guard you from the evil one.
2 Thessalonians 3:3

*Cast all your cares on God, for he cares about you.
1 Peter 5:7*

Jesus said. . .
“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.”
Matthew 11:28

You show me the path of life.
In your presence there is fullness of joy.
Psalm 16:11

*Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up.
God is our salvation.
Psalm 68:19*

God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.
Isaiah 12:2

*For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel:
In returning and in rest you shall be saved;
in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.
Isaiah 30:15*

Do not fear, for I am with you.
Do not be afraid, for I am your God.
Isaiah 41:10

*My God has become my strength.
Isaiah 49:5*

The Lord will be my everlasting light.
Isaiah 60:19

*The Lord is my shepherd.
Psalm 23:1*

*If anyone is in Christ,
there is a new creation;
everything old has passed away;
behold, everything has become new!
2 Cor. 5:17*

My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.
11 Cor. 12:9

*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
Philippians 4:13*

Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed,
for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

*The Lord is near to the brokenhearted,
and saves the crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18*

Do not fear, for I am with you.
Do not be afraid, for I am your God.
Isaiah 41:10

Isaiah 43:1-2, 3

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you:
I have called you by name, you are mine.
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. . .
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
Therefore we will not fear,
though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.

“Be still and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations,
I am exalted in the earth.”
The Lord of hosts is with us,
the God of Jacob is our refuge

Psalm 62:5-8

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress;
I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 121

*I lift up my eyes to the hills--
from where will my help come?
My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

*He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
He who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is your keeper;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.*

*The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time on and forevermore.*

Psalm 91:1-6

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High,
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,
will say to the Lord, "My refuge and fortress,
my God in whom I trust."

Psalm 23 (KJV)

*The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters;
he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley
of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me,
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.*

*Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil,
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

Romans 8:31-39

What then are we to say about these things?
If God is for us, who is against us?
He who did not withhold his own Son,
but gave him up for all of us,
will he not with him also give us everything else?
Who will bring any charge against God's elect?
It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?
It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised,
who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
Who will separate us from the love of Christ?
Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine,
or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written,
'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'
No, in all these things we are more than conquerors
through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life,
nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height, nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord.