



SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE PASSAGES – FALL 2024

Who will separate us from the love of Christ?

Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than victorious 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. (*Romans 8:35-39*)

O God, you are my God; I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land
where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love
is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and
call on your name.
My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips
when I think of you on my bed
and meditate on you
in the watches of the night,
for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings
I sing for joy.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.
(*Psalms 63:1-8*)

**The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness. “The Lord is
my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I
will have hope in Him.”**
(*Lamentations 3:19-26 NRSV*)

I pray that, according to the riches of God’s glory, He may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through His Spirit and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.
(*Ephesians 3:16-19*)

Your steadfast love, O Lord,
extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mighty
mountains; your judgments are like the great
deep; you save humans and animals alike,
O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love,
O God!

All people may take refuge
in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink
from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

O continue your steadfast love to those who
know you and your salvation
to the upright of heart!
(*Psalm 36:5-10 NRSV*)

Beloved, let us love one another,
because love is from God; everyone who
loves is born of God and knows
God. Whoever does not love does not know
God, for God is love. God's love was
revealed among us in this way: God sent his
only Son into the world so that we might live
through him. In this is love, not that we
loved God but that he loved us and sent his
Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our
sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another. No one
has ever seen God; if we love one another,
God abides in us, and his love is perfected in
us. ... There is no fear in love,
but perfect love casts out fear.

(*1 John 4:7-12, 18*)

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the child said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your child.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate, for this child of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. (*Luke 15:20-24 NRSV*)

