

*God ~ You are good. Your love will not fail.
You reach out to me and invite me to come to You in prayer.*

Father ~ are You listening now? Are You near? There are many struggles in this journey with my loved one. I labor to get through the day. This pain is suffocating and the sorrow strangles my heart. When I finally lie in bed - it’s hard to find any rest. There is no comfort. I feel discouraged. I feel defeated. LORD God ~ I feel like You have forgotten me.

I need You, Jesus. Help me remember Your words. You tell me that your love will not fail me. Please give me the faith to feel loved today. I need to feel Your presence ~ to trust that You are in control. Thank You ~ Your songs of goodness fill my soul. Let Your Hope sparkle in my eyes. Help me wait for Your day of rescue. I believe in You, Jesus. I know You will not fail. Already, Lord ~ You are my victorious Warrior King!

I am forever grateful that by the compassionate Name of Jesus, I come to pray. ~ Amen

Waiting is hard at any time; but when days, weeks, or even months pass and our prayers seem to go unanswered, it’s easy to feel God has forgotten us. Perhaps we can struggle through the day with its distractions, but at night it’s doubly difficult to deal with our anxious thoughts. Worries loom large, and the dark hours seem endless. Utter weariness makes it look impossible to face the new day.

The psalmist grew weary as he waited (Ps. 13). He felt abandoned - as if his enemies were gaining the upper hand. When we’re waiting for God to resolve a difficult situation or to answer often-repeated prayers, it’s easy to get discouraged.

Satan whispers that God has forgotten us, and that things will never change. We may be tempted to give in to despair. Why bother to read the Bible or to pray? Why make the effort to worship with fellow believers in Christ? But we need our spiritual lifelines most when we’re waiting. They help to hold us steady in the flow of God’s love and to become sensitive to His Spirit.

The psalmist had a remedy. He focused on all that he knew of God’s love, reminding himself of past blessings and deliberately praising God, who would not forget him. So can we. - *Marilyn Stroud*

Psalm 13 (NLT)

A psalm of David.

*O LORD, how long will you forget me?
Forever? How long will
You look the other way?*

*How long must I struggle with
anguish in my soul, with sorrow
in my heart every day? How long will
my enemy have the upper hand?*

*Turn and answer me,
O LORD my God!*

*Restore the sparkle to my eyes,
or I will die.*

*Don’t let my enemies gloat, saying,
“We have defeated him!”
Don’t let them rejoice at my downfall.*

***But I trust in your unfailing love.
I will rejoice because
You have rescued me.***

***I will sing to the LORD
because He is good to me.***