

*How blessed we are, Heavenly Father, that You bend down your ear ~ waiting ~ listening. You are a God of deliverance. A God of mercy. You desire that we turn to You crying out for rescue. For anything and everything, LORD God, You say to come to You and pray. Here are our loved ones. They are in a very dark world of drugs and danger and death. Our pain is deep and words evade us. We don't know what to say. We don't know what to do. Ones we love are hurting. They need rescue. You say that You came to seek and save those who are lost. Jesus, we believe You.*

*So we come to You and thank You for the deliverance You give from bondage. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for taking our prayers before God as we don't even know what to ask. You love them and we pray that they turn to You for rescue and protection ~ for salvation. Thank You, God, for bathing us in Your peace and we ask that You help us feel that sweet comfort.*

*We pray that You guard our hearts and minds with peace  
through the powerful Name of Jesus. ~ Amen*

Typically when my son broke communication with me, I knew he was in a very dark place deep in the throes of his addiction. Over the course of days or months, my fears were ruthless in creating harsh scenarios of desolation or death. At times reality was cruel resulting in overdose, injury or arrest. In early years my panic pushed me relentlessly to leave text and voice messages begging him to get in touch with me. He needed me: my encouragement or admonishment; my pleading or threats. My son needed me. *Right?* No! Through the seasons of time, I accepted the truth: **I'm the one in need. I need prayer.**

Through prayer “*the inner turmoil of the heart is poured out to our Heavenly Father and the peace of Christ flows in.*” When that panic or fear sets in, I learned to grab hold of Jesus rather than my phone. Prayer. At times I was bathed in peace. Other times the comfort of peace itself evaded me yet I triumphantly held onto the promise of peace. God is good!

“*Amidst the searing pain of brokenness, reach out to the Lord, our Source of strength and hope. Pray. When you speak, you use only your words. But when you pray, you ask the Father to become involved. He truly has the power to change hearts.*”

*Don't worry about anything;  
instead, pray about everything.  
Tell God what you need,  
and thank Him for all he has done.  
Then you will experience God's peace,  
which exceeds anything we can understand.  
His peace will guard your hearts and minds  
as you live in Christ Jesus.  
~ **Philippians 4:6-7** ~*

*For (Jesus) the Son of Man has come to seek  
and to save that which was lost.  
~ **Luke 19:10** ~*

*Now He who searches the hearts  
knows what the mind of the Spirit is,  
because He makes intercession for the saints  
according to the will of God.  
~ **Romans 8:27** ~*