The Spirit of God

Romans 8:22-27

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in^[a] hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all that you do. All around us we observe a pregnant creation. The different times of pain throughout the world are simply birth pains.

But it is not only around us; it is within us. The moment we get tired in the waiting, God's Spirit is right alongside helping us along. If we do not know what to pray, it does not matter. He does our praying for us. We have to remember that The Spirit of God is with us always. Amen.

Before I begin my devotion, we must not forget. We celebrate Easter because not only did our Lord conquer death, but without the Resurrection, we have no foundation for our faith.

Paul explains that the entire universe, held under the curse, eagerly longs for the day whenever it will join with God's children. It will be a moment when God's children will be revealed in glory and all creation will be free from bondage. The Apostle Paul is teaching believers that their new life in Jesus Christ is solidly founded in God's promises and plans for his children

God sees our hearts and knows what is in our hearts and our minds, because the Spirit makes it easy for all of the people according to the Will of God. Likewise, the Spirit helps in our weakness, for we do not know how anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God would want us to love each other, be kind to one another, and try to help those who need help no matter who they may be. God is always watching and giving us strength to move forward and have faith in ourselves.

We should always think about the best and Spirit of God. He will give us strength when we need it and love when we feel forsaken.

Prayer: Dear Lord, we worship you, we pray that you bless our hearts and minds.

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