

I Cry Aloud to the Lord and He Answers Me!

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This prayer from the depth of the heart is a cry towards the Heavenly father. This is an expression of my deep faith and hope that God is my only refuge. God who has definite plans about us gives pains, sufferings and sorrows in the path leading to that plan. A person turns towards God and Christ, when he is convinced that nothing human or material can save him.

“My God, My Lord, talk to me, I cannot take even one step forward, please guide me. Why have you given me sufferings, pains and sorrows? Lord, please reveal to me your plan about me.” When we cry loud like this, God will reveal himself to us. We will be convinced that these sufferings are to find God and to lift us to heaven. Human plans are temporary—temporary happiness, safety for the time being, good name, fame, human approval, wealth...But God’s plan is forever. God gives us sufferings to teach justice. Therefore one who becomes fit for God’s love will have sufferings, weaknesses, and crosses. Giving all this He keeps us closer to Him. We must find time during the period of suffering to listen to God’s voice and to thirst for God’s love. Then we will get the grace to rise up with Jesus. We will receive blessings and strength from the Holy Spirit. We’ll understand that we are God’s children. When we are in the depth of sufferings, contempt, and helplessness, sweet prayers, meditations and spiritual strength spring up. In this stage our eyes and ears are lifted to Calvary. There we can see God’s throne. We will realize the emptiness of all material aspirations.. Jesus extends in each moment of sufferings an eternal invitation to forsake sin, selfishness, and bodily comforts. God stands with us to lead us to the glory of resurrection.

“Though the Lord may give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your Teacher will not hide himself anymore, but your eyes shall see your teacher.” (Is. 30:20)