

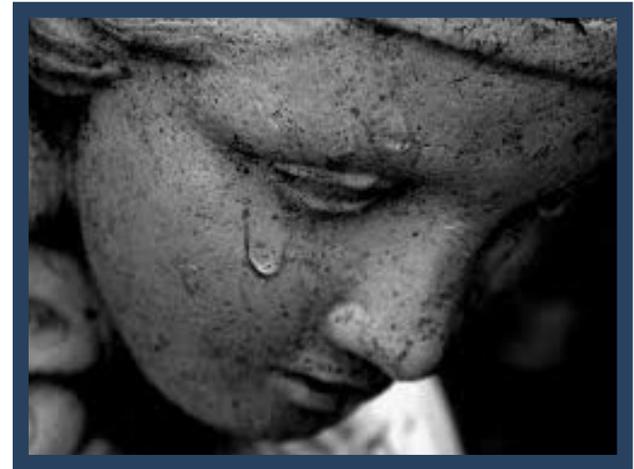
# *Awakenings Prayer Institute*

Readings For

## COMFORT CARE

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*The Sovereign Lord has given  
me an instructed tongue to know  
the word that sustains the weary.*

*Isaiah 50:4*

## **WALKING WITH GRIEF**

*Do not hurry  
as you walk with grief;  
it does not help the journey.*

*Walk slowly pausing often:*

*do not hurry  
as you walk with grief.*

*Be not disturbed  
by memories that come unbidden*

*Swiftly forgive;  
and let Christ speak for you  
unspoken words.*

*Unfinished conversation  
will be resolved in Him.*

*Be not disturbed.  
Be gentle with the one  
who walks with grief.*

*If it is you,  
be gentle with yourself.*

*Swiftly forgive;  
walk slowly,  
pausing often.*

*Take time, be gentle  
as you walk with grief.*

~ Celtic Daily Prayer Reading  
from the Northumbrian Community

**Emmanuel, Stay with me.**

## **COME NOW**

*Come now  
live in us.*

*Let us stay in You  
since if we be all in You,  
we cannot be far from one another,  
though some may be in heaven  
and some upon earth.*

~Adapted from a passage in David Elginbrod  
by George MacDonald.



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**Light of the World, Shine in this darkness**

Abba, Father, Comfort me



**A CAIM ~SURROUNDING PRAYER**

*This night and every night  
seems infinite with questions,  
and sleep as elusive as answers.*

*Pain and longing are always present,  
dulled only a little  
by the distractions of day.  
I am weary; I am angry.  
I am confused.*

*Circle me, Lord.  
Keep despair and disillusion without.  
Bring a glimmer of hope within.*

*Circle me, Lord;  
keep nightmare without  
Bring moments of rest within.*

*Circle me, Lord;  
keep bitterness without.  
Bring an occasional sense  
of your presence within.*

~A Celtic Daily Prayer Reading  
From the Northumbrian Community

Good Shepherd, Walk with us in this suffering.

**PSALM 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd;  
I shall not want.*

*He makes me to lie down in green pastures;  
He leads me beside the still waters.*

*He restores my soul;  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness  
For His name's sake.*

*Yea, though I walk through the valley  
of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil;  
For You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
My cup runs over.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life;  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
Forever.*

Good Shepherd, Carry me.



## LOVE IS THE BOND

*Spirit draw near me as I pray unto you  
Father come hold me as I cry out to you*

*Comfort me in my sorrow  
Chase away all my fears  
Shelter me in your love  
God draw near to me*

*Love is the bond that will hold us together  
We will carry on as we hold to each other  
Love is the bond that will hold us together  
We are held so strong by the love of our Father*

~ A Life Psalm Poem by Gregory B. Johnson

## LAMENTATIONS 3:19-24

*I remember my affliction and my wandering,  
the bitterness and the gall.  
I well remember them,  
and my soul is downcast within me.  
Yet this I call to mind  
and therefore I have hope:  
Because of the Lord's great love  
we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.  
They are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.  
I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion;  
therefore I will wait for him."*

## 2 CORINTHIANS 2:3-5

*Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, <sup>4</sup> who  
comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in  
any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.  
<sup>5</sup> For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so  
also our comfort abounds through Christ.*

Father of Compassion, Grant us passion  
to thrive in our suffering