

Prayer for Peace and the Lord's Vengeance

“The Lord’s justice will dwell in the desert, His righteousness live in the fertile field. The fruit of that righteousness will be peace; its effect will be quietness and confidence forever. My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest.” - Isaiah 32:16-18

Beloved, let your heart be comforted today. Many of us have suffered injustices that even today we have not come to grips with. Like the Psalmist, we may wonder why the unrighteous roam about freely, and many times even seem to be prospering.

All these are thoughts and questions that serve only to unsettle your peace. If you have pursued justice legally, good for you. If, however, like countless women in South Africa and the world over, you have not gone the legal route, forgive yourself today, stop the condemnation. You have not been complicit with the perpetrator through your silence or lack of action. The reasons we choose this route are many, however rest assured that there is a just God who rules with righteousness and justice. No earthly Court may have heard your complaint or lament, but there is a heavenly Court in which the Supreme Judge presides over the cases of His children. The requirement for His justice is simple; forgive and let go of your desire for revenge. Let Him be God.

Prayer: “Father God, You have promised me peace. You have promised to avenge me, and You have promised to settle me through Your system of recompense (Joel 2:25-27).

Help my heart to forgive, Father. Help my heart to release every pain and need for revenge. You are pure, Lord, and therefore Your judgments are right and pure. You are not a man, Your ways are higher. Mete out Your divine justice in my situation, Lord; exact the judgment that will satisfy Your righteousness. Smite my enemy, Satan, with a blow that will last throughout the ages according to Your promise that his head would be crushed (Genesis 3:15).

Yes, man executed the injustice, but teach my heart to know that the true mastermind and orchestrator was the devil. Therefore let him bear the full penalty of Your wrath for his violation against me, in Jesus’ name.

“Jesus, You have made a public spectacle of the enemy and triumphed over him in his defeat (Colossians 2:15). Therefore, as Your child, Lord, I too am victorious over him in this matter. Use my life, and this very grievance as a platform on which to triumph over the enemy in his defeat, again, in Jesus’ name. Make a public spectacle and glorify Yourself in my life, in Jesus’ name.

“I forgive the offender from my heart and ask that You deal the enemy the ultimate loss in this situation - their salvation from the clutches of hell. Jehovah, I pray for the salvation of [Name of the perpetrator]. In Your lovingkindness and great mercy, You died for them too. Like Jesus, I pray for my persecutors and ask that You forgive them. Open their eyes, Lord, and help them to know the Truth, Jesus. I thank You for Your mercy, in their lives and mine. Work Your highest good and let Your righteousness, and peace, reign in this situation, in Jesus’ name. Amen”.