

# Scripture.

Builders, be encouraged by these words.

Because of God's tender mercy, the morning light from heaven is about to break upon us,  
to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
and to guide us to the path of peace." (Luke 1:78, 79 NLT)

The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness."  
—Jeremiah 31:3

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.  
For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness,  
as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest,  
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.  
—Isaiah 61:10

But you are a chosen generation,  
a royal priesthood,  
a holy nation,  
His own special people,  
that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.  
—1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

He has showed you, O man, what is good.  
And what does the Lord require of you?  
To act justly  
and to love mercy  
and to walk humbly with your God.  
—Micah 6:8

But my name is honored by people of other nations from morning to night.  
All around the world they offer sweet incense and pure offerings in honor of  
my name.

For my name is great among the nations,”  
says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies. (Malachi 1:11 NLT)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty,  
who was  
and who is  
and who is to come. (Rev. 4:8)

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# Prayer.

## Come Holy Spirit

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon:  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
Where there is sadness, joy.

Oh Divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life,  
amen.

A prayer first offered by St. Francis of Asissi