

# THE BOOK OF II CORINTHIANS

## Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good (God's) People

Scripture: 2 Cor 1:3-9, 2:12-13, 7:5, 4:8-9, 6:4-10, 11:23-33, 10:10

Where does suffering come from?

- The World  
(Rom 8:20-23)
  
- The Flesh  
(2 Cor 4:16-17)
  
- The Devil  
(1 Pet 5:8, 1 Jn 5:19, Lk 22:31, Jn 8:44, Rev 2:10)

James 4:4, 6-8

### Daily Prayer

Thank You God for giving me this day.  
I recognize and acknowledge that it is a gift from You  
and I choose to live it for You.

I praise You for designing me and fashioning  
such an intricate world for me to live in.  
Your Holy Spirit, living in me, counsels and directs me,  
and for this I am truly thankful.

I ask that You, Holy Spirit, would continue to fill me and be my guide.  
May my body be a living sacrifice.  
Every part of my being I gladly surrender  
to live by Your Word, Your ways, Your will and Your wisdom.

Speak to me Lord, I am listening.  
Though I may be slow to see, I know that You are more concerned  
about my character and Your Kingdom  
than about my immediate comfort.

I recognize that Your goal is to bring me to a place of maturity  
and mold me into the image of Jesus  
and I submit to this process.  
Remind me throughout this day that everything  
that comes my way has been permitted by You (even suffering).

I set my will against, and I choose to resist Satan  
and everything that he and his demons would bring against me.  
Help me to be anxious for nothing.

As I go about my day may I be kind and gentle,  
forgiving and loving, to those around me.  
May Your joy shine through me to all I meet.  
May I represent You well and be the aroma of Christ  
to all with whom I may share this day.

In Jesus' name,  
Amen.