

Colossians 1:11 – “...strengthened with all might according to His glorious power for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”

PRAYER FOR ENDURANCE

Patience is endurance. It comes from two Greek words: under and abide. Endurance grows from abiding under trials (James 1:3). God places us under a trial and leaves us there until we learn to endure it. God allows trials in order to make endurance a permanent part of our character. God will give you strength to endure. This is not a natural ability, but a supernatural strength from His mighty power. The power is vigor, a stamina to endure. God will supply the power if you will trust Him for it and obey Him. With endurance comes joy. “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5). Trials have often been referred to as the dark night of the soul. The joy that comes in the morning is the joy of enduring. Pray for endurance, then believe. When the trial of your faith is over, you will rejoice. James said, “Count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience (endurance)” (James 1:2-3). “Count it” means to command with official authority. You have the authority of Jesus Christ to claim the promise of joy. Joy may not come during the trial, but it will come after the trial, after you have endured.