**A Prayer of Lament**

God of Hope,

We come before You with heavy hearts,

Burdened by the weight of a broken world.

Our spirits cry out, distraught and devastated,

For we feel abandoned in the wilderness of our grief.

We name the pain we carry, Lord:

The loneliness that isolates,

The violence that shatters homes and lives,

The greed that consumes and destroys,

The anger that smothers peace.

We are overwhelmed by the whirlwind of busyness,

By the noise that drowns out Your voice.

How long, O Lord, must we bear this sorrow?

How long will the cries of the hurting go unanswered?

We beg You, do not leave us in this desolation.

Come near to us, God of mercy.

Be our refuge in the storm,

Our light in the shadowed places.

Pour out Your healing upon broken hearts and wounded souls.

Bind us together in community,

That we might be a source of love and grace to one another.

We trust in You, O God, even when the way forward is unclear.

You transform the impossible into possibility.

You hold our lament without letting it destroy us.

You are the God of paradox: turning grief into joy,

And despair into hope.

So we lift up our hearts to You,

Praising You for Your unending faithfulness.

You are the One who sees our pain and calls us beloved.

You are the One who brings life from the ashes.

Selah. Amen.

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