

**JAMES**  
**The Christian Response to Suffering, part 2**  
**James 5:13-20**  
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**The Christian Response to Suffering...**

- **Pray (v. 13a)**

**<sup>13a</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray.**

“Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.” Psalm 55:22 (ESV)

“When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you.” Jonah 2:7 (ESV)

“[Cast] all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.” 1 Peter 4:7 (ESV)

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.” Philippians 4:6 (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. <sup>10</sup> For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 (ESV)

- **Worship (v. 13b)**

**<sup>13b</sup> Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.**

“Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.” Habakkuk 3:17-18 (ESV)

“The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.” Job 1:21 (ESV)

“I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.” Psalm 34:1 (ESV)

- **Ask for Prayer (vv. 14-15a)**

**<sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him,**

“So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, as well as a partaker in the glory that is going to be revealed: <sup>2</sup> shepherd the flock of God that is among you.” 1 Peter 5:1-2 (ESV)

**anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.**

**<sup>15a</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up.**

- **Confess Sin and Pray for One Another (vv. 15b-16)**

**<sup>15b</sup> And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.<sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.**

**The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

**An Example of Powerful Prayer (vv. 17-18)**

**<sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.**

**The Believer’s Role in the Conversion of the Lost (vv. 19-20)**

**<sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.”**