



PRAYER FOCUS

April 17th-23rd

GOD'S PEOPLE ARE PERSEVERING UNDER PRESSURE!

As I was asking the Holy Spirit what He wanted to share for this week's Prayer Focus, I heard these simple words: perseverance and pressure.

They are so appropriate for a time when many believers are in, what seems to be, a pressure cooker.

I felt led to look at the definition of a pressure cooker up according to Merriam-Webster dictionary.

It says: "A **Pressure Cooker** is an airtight utensil for quick cooking or preserving of foods by means of high-temperature steam under pressure. A situation or environment that is fraught with emotional or social pressures."

Paul mentions that the Christian encounters troubles, and these things will not destroy us, but we will be made more like Jesus!

Whatever each of us is facing is going to be turned for our good. Nothing goes to waste and in this pressure cooker, we are becoming more like the Lord.

We will persevere and grow in God's wisdom, in His strength, and know His great grace.

Prayer points:

Strength

Grace

Wisdom

Scriptures:

2 Corinthians 4:8

"We are pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair."

Romans 5:1-5

"Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."

Genesis 50:20

"You intended to harm me, but God intended it all for good. He brought me to this position so I could save the lives of many people."

2 Corinthians 12:9

"And He hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for My power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Song:

Amazing Grace - Celtic Women

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GYMLMj-SibU>

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