

See what great love the Father
has lavished on us, that we should
be called children of God!
And that is what we are!
The reason the world does not know
us is that it did not know Him.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

"For I know the plans I have for you,"
declares the Lord, "plans to prosper
you & not to harm you, plans to give
you hope & a future."

Even to your old age & gray hairs,
I am He, I am He who will sustain you.
I have made you & I will carry you;
I will sustain you & I will rescue you.

Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer
& petition, with thanksgiving,
present your requests to God.

And the peace of God, which
transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts &
your minds in Christ Jesus.

Humble yourselves, therefore,
under God's mighty hand, that
He may lift you up in due time.
Cast all your anxiety on Him
because He cares for you.

Resist him [the devil],
standing firm in the faith, because
you know that the family of
believers throughout the world is
undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

For the spirit God gave us does
not make us timid, but gives us
power, love & self-discipline.

"Because he loves me," says
the Lord, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he
acknowledges my name."

Whoever dwells in the shelter of
the Most High will rest in the shadow
of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord,
"He is my refuge & my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."

The name of the Lord is
a fortified tower, the righteous
run to it & are safe.