

Reading and prayer 25th November 2020

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Loving Father, we give you thanks that you are with us in every circumstance of our lives; the difficult times, the times when the way forward isn't clear, the times of sickness, the times when we are misunderstood. You understand them all. Help us to bear all things, remaining faithful and in good cheer knowing that suffering is common to all. As we have been shown love and given help, in our turn may we show compassion, consolation and love of Christ for our fellow companions on the road of life.

Amen

