

"For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing."  
2 Timothy 4:6-8

Lord, for those who being poured out as a drink offering through their suffering for Your kingdom work, may they continue to fight the good fight. Bless them with endurance to finish the race and keep the faith. Bring to remembrance to them about the crown of righteousness that You, the Righteous Judge, will award to them as they long for Your appearing. Amen.

"But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled. ... If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ... Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name." 1 Peter 3:14, 4:14, 16

Dear Jesus, for those that are suffering for righteousness sake help them to remember that they are blessed. Cause their heart to be without fear. May they sense the Spirit of glory and of God that rests upon them. As they suffer as a Christian and are insulted for the name of Christ, may the not be ashamed, but glorify You that they bear the name of Christ. Amen.

"And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." ... Luke 23:34

Lord, please forgive my enemies for their wrongdoing against me and ultimately against Your name; for they do not know what they are doing. Amen.

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."  
Romans 12:21

Lord, please be with \_\_\_\_\_ who is suffering evil right now for being a Christian. May this person who is suffering evil not retaliate or be overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. Amen.

"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."  
Matthew 5:11-12

Dear God, please bless those that are reviled for Christ's account with a spirit of rejoicing. Help them to remember that their reward is in Heaven and that they are part of a family of Christ that is suffering with them, as they suffer for Christ's name. In the precious name of Jesus, amen.

"But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." Matthew 5:44

Dear God, bless me with a heart of true love for my enemies. Help me to see ways that I can show Your love them. I pray that You would open the eyes of their heart so that they may know and understand their sinful condition and the need for a Savior. May they turn to You for salvation. In Jesus' name, amen.

"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Precious Jesus, You told us that we would have tribulation in this world; but thank You for Your promise of peace. Forgive me when I worry or become troubled in persecution. Help me to take to heart Your promise that You have overcome the world and that I can have peace in You. Help me to rest in You. Amen.

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Dear Lord, Your Scripture promises that You work all things out for the good of those who love you. I do not understand everything but I claim Your promise by faith. Grant me the strength to be faithful to you. In Jesus' name, amen.