

**Prayer for Illumination:** God of all truth, confirm to Your servant Your promise, that You may be feared. Turn away the reproach that I dread, for Your rules are good. Behold, I long for Your precepts; in Your righteousness give me life! Amen. (from Ps 119)

Testimony about Our Surpassingly Great God

*You have the right heritage.*

### "Jesus' Mothers"

*For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Romans 15.4*

1. God expresses His G through our testimony.
2. Jesus' F was full of grace- needy sinners:
  - A. Even M spoke of God as her Savior;
  - B. E had a child in her elderly years;
  - C. B had an affair with a married man;
  - D. R was a Moabitess;
  - E. T had children by her father-in-law;
  - F. L was not Jacob's preferred wife;
  - G. R helped trick her husband into giving her favorite son, Jacob, his blessing;
  - H. S L at God's promise of a child;
  - I. E was deceived and fell into transgression.

Q: How has God E grace to your family?

For May 17, please read Isaiah 7.1-16; Matt 1.18-2.23

**Prayer of Petition:** Thank you, heavenly Father, for speaking to us by the Spirit through the Scriptures. In the name of Jesus, please give us the wisdom we need to put into practice what you have shown us today. For the rest of our earthly lives and for all eternity, may our lives be spoken and demonstrated testimonies to Your abundant grace.

**Confession of Faith and Sins:** Lord God, I confess that Jesus is Lord of all; I confess that He died to pay the penalty I deserve for my sins; and I confess that He rose from the dead conquering sin and death. In that faith, I confess that I am a sinner in desperate need of Your forgiveness and transformation.

#### **(silent, personal confession)**

Help me, Father, to humble myself and to let the Holy Spirit work in me through Your word and Your people, to change me from the inside out.

All these things we ask for Your honor and glory, for the blessing of the world, and for our joy in Christ. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Forgiveness & Response of Praise:**

[Acts 4.12; Ephesians 1.7]

"Man of Sorrows!" what a name

For the Son of God, who came,

Ruined sinners to reclaim!

Hallelujah, what a Savior!

#### **Prayers of Intercession** (worship leaders)