



*Passionate About His Passion:
Meditations on the Holy Great Fast 2*

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LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Positive Attitude

It can revive your spirit

It can turn laziness to enthusiasm

And it can change sadness to cheerfulness

Therefore, get to know your spirit

And do not wait until She loses her sparkle

Instead, cheer your spirit

Free yourself from anything that can damage

her

And teach her to believe in the impossible

Admiration

**I am looking at the flower with admiration
And wondering about God's amazing details
in each petal and its intricate colors
He put lots of work and details in a flower
that doesn't even last
God always reminds us to look beyond our
daily life
To stop to admire His work in the many
things around us
Things He created for our us to enjoy**

Lord Teach Me

**Lord, teach me to speak through my heart not
my lips**

**For when I speak through my heart
I will begin to have a true conversation with
You**

And I will be a tool to lead others to You

Look at Me

My beauty is obvious to the naked eye

My grace and posture are magnificent

But what you cannot see is my inner-self

It is very well hidden from all of you

Only God and I can discuss it privately

For He will not expose it to anyone

Unless He sees that exposing it will benefit

me

What a Beautiful Thing

To be loved by someone

To be cherished and adored

No matter what the world thinks of you

No matter how hard your day is

Be very sure you are loved and adored

by Him

Thank You Lord

Love

**We all are in need for love
So many of us settle for any kind of love
Do not settle, but search for and find the
source of love
And know and believe that you are not
anyone
You are the son and the daughter of the
mighty God
Give yourself to Him
And in return, He will grant you love and
joy, hope and peace
All of it will come from within you
And no one can take that away from you**

Grateful

For the way You love me

For the way You guide me

For the road You are taking me on

For Your touches and Your mercies

**For all the times You have listened to my
complaints**

For all the times You opened doors for me

For being here beside me

Thank You Lord

You are the best!

Fragile

**Butterfly, how beautiful you are
How fragile we are too, but we ignore the
truth
We think we will live forever
We hold onto our beauty, talents, and wealth
Do not be a fool for the time will come
For we are here for a short period of time
Like the beautiful butterfly
That flaps her wings from flower to flower
Working hard to show her beauty and talents
And suddenly she is no more
Wake up to reality and humble yourself
Praise the Lord for He is the everlasting one**

OVERCOMING TEMPTATION

The storm

**When the storm comes rushing your way
When you feel alone and don't know what to
do**

**When your life is in disarray or you become
confused**

Look up

All you need to do is ask

Ask for help for guidance or for peace

The word of God will come rushing to you

To give you courage, wisdom, and peace

Your heart will be filled with joy

**And nothing will trouble you in the middle of
the storm**

The Door Is Open

**I can go out easily
But I am not sure what I want to do
I need to leave my comfort zone
I want to explore other possibilities
Where can I go to get wisdom
How can I go from here?
God, please guide me
So I can walk toward You
Please help me not lose focus on the way
For You are first in my life
And I long to come to You at the end of my
journey**

I Am

**I am like a beautiful caged bird
I am trapped inside myself
Longing to be out like others
I am not sure what to do
I must pray for wisdom
I must pray for strength
I must never lose hope
For You are my God
You will do the best for me
You will free me from my bondage
And will save my soul**

Little Bird 1

**Why are you standing among the spikes and
thorns?**

Little bird

**Can you not realize the danger you put
yourself in**

Little bird

**Look around you and quickly fly away
before you get hurt and
are unable to fly again**

Little bird

**Life is a gift from God to us
to do good for ourselves and for others'
And God will restore our souls
And guide us back to Him**

Creation

All the creation tells us about God's work in it

How He created it by the word of His mouth

All the creation is happy to grow and multiply

The plants and animals of the earth

The fish in the sea and the birds and stars in

the sky

Oh man, can you see the work of God in

them?

Can you feel the greatness of the Creator?

Open your eyes and give thanks to the Lord

who loves you and is waiting for you to join

Him for eternity

REPENTANCE

Coming Back to You

**I traveled on my own for so long
I felt lost and distressed
My soul was searching and searching
My body became weak
No one to turn to
No one to rely on
I was very tired and afraid
How can I come back to You?
With my weakness, my shame, and my doubt
Thinking and hoping ...
Hoping that You may free me again
That You may comfort my soul
That You may give me hope
So, I can reach others and lead them to You
And I may become someone You proudly call
Yours
I Love You God**

Little Bird 2

Little bird

Where is your home?

**I see you flying back and forth without a
purpose**

**I see you wasting your days which will not
come back again**

**I see you getting closer to the dust and ashes
you lay**

Little bird

Wake up before it is too late

**When crying and wailing will not be heard
When regrets will not bring back anything**

Little bird, find a purpose for your life

Little bird, look up and seek God's help

**Little bird, your Heavenly Father is waiting
for you**

**Repent and humble yourself before it's too
late**

Pray

Ask God to enlarge your heart

Ask Him to protect you from the enemies

**Ask Him to reveal to you His purpose for
your life**

Ask Him to pour on you His Holy Spirit

**Ask Him to grant you knowledge and
understanding of His words**

And when you lose all your courage...

**To recognize that God is greater than you
that He is working everything out for you
And to remember that God is just a prayer
away**

You Are the One for Me

**Once, I was a man with no purpose seeking
many earthly pleasures to satisfy my soul
I believed that everything was under control
But my hunger was still growing in my soul
For I did not realize that I was deaf and blind
Until You opened my eyes and let me see
Your purpose for me
And let me hear the truth that was there for
me
I realized I was living a lie
For I was never satisfied with the work of my
hands
For You are the source of my being
And nothing else matters other than being
with You
So help me to humble myself and change my
attitude
Give me strength to serve you, O Lord**

**And to carry my cross all my life along with
You so I can be the son You intended me to be**

Near Your Heart

Where can I be without Your love for me?

Loving You is what I desire

I love the way You love me

I feel Your presence in every step I take

I hear You whisper to me, you are a child of

Mine

When sadness covers me, I see You rushing to

comfort me

I love You Lord more than my heart can bear

It comforts me that You can see what is there

And how my soul is dependent on You

I miss You although You are here near me

And tears can barely comfort me

Near Your heart is where I always want to be

And You are the only one who can grant this

wish to me

ENLIGHTENMENT

Change Yourself

**What a wonderful thing to be able to change
yourself from being self-centered to someone**

who cares about others instead

God longs that we learn that the secret of

happiness is in caring about others

He demonstrated that on the cross to teach us

about sacrificial love

Dear God

**Thank You so much for all you do for all of
us every second and every time we call on
you!**

**Please open our eyes today to all the
wonderful possibilities and blessings You
have in store for us**

**And Help us to have a better relationship
with You**

Genuine Love

**Love is a wonderful thing
It brings out many emotions and feelings
But
Genuine love is not just any love
It comes only from God
God makes our love
Stronger and deeper to live forever
God puts the seed of love deep in our heart
To bring out springs of love
To allow us to treasure one another
And
to help our souls become one
And
To bind us together with Him
So
God teach us how to cherish each other with
Respect and understanding,
And**

Allows us
To share good times together
To store memories in our hearts
To be filled with joy and peace
To help us walk side by side with love and
confidence
That will bring us close to God's heart

What a Wonderful Feeling

**The feeling of being in Your hands
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are
cleansing me from shame and sin
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are
recreating me to be in Your likeness
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are
saving me from the evil one
What a wonderful feeling knowing You are
inviting me to your kingdom
How wonderful is Your great love for me
Thank You Lord**

I am a Christian

**I am in this world for a short time
I am only passing through
This world is not my home
Like the baby in his mother's womb
He is there for a short time too
So God can perfect his body
to begin his life on earth
I am here for a short time
So God can perfect my soul
To join the Lord in heaven
And I can be with Him forever and ever**

The Lord is My Shepherd

**Lord, there is nothing about You that I do not
want**

**Lord, there is nothing about You that I do not
need**

Lord, You are everything to me

You are my provider

You are my protector

You are my king

Lord, I pray You make me just like You

Troubles

**Although the troubles of life are many
And sometimes they are impossible too
My Lord creates a path in the sea for me
And He leads me out of troubles to where I
can be with Him**

Young Lad

**Although I am a young lad
I am searching for Your footsteps, O
Lord to follow them
to where I can be in Your likeness
Show me O Lord where to go
Lead me O Lord to know Your will for
me
So I can be one with You for
the rest of my days**

WITNESS

**It was a dark night
It was a gloomy and silent night
Sadness came over the place
Passover would not be the same again
The disciples were hiding
They were scared and unsure
The tomb was shut up with a large stone
No one could imagine or dream
The work of God that surpasses all minds
In the blink of an eye the darkness became
light
Sadness and confusion became blessings
What a wonderful day! the day You were
raised from the dead
When You changed death to life
When You gave us salvation and life with You
Glory be to You O Lord**

Lord

**You carried so much on Your shoulders
All our sins, our iniquities and our ignorance
You did not even open Your mouth to
complain or to blame
But instead, You asked the Father to grant us
forgiveness
Lord thank You for Your love, humbleness,
kindness, and forgiveness
Lord thank You for Your gift of grace that
we do not deserve**

I love You Lord

**Lord, You are always there for me
No matter how, where, when, and who I am
Your arms shelter me from everything
You fill my heart with hope so I can try again
You give me hope, You will always be there
for me
And You will see me through the troubles in
my heart
And will help me understand
That You are the only one I need**

Prayers

**It is not about the words I say
It is about what I truly feel inside
Prayers remind me to be thankful
Prayers make God see my tears
Prayers bring me closer to God
Prayers remind me of all His great work in
me
Prayers protect me from doubts
Prayers feed my soul and mind
Prayers remind me of the Lord's presence
Prayers awakens my faith
Prayers allow me to hear the one I love
Prayers put my feet on the right track
Prayers cover me on the day I am in distress
And most of all
Prayers make my spirit grow
Thank you Lord for allowing me to pray to
You**

God's Love Endures Forever

**When you put your foot in the water,
He will part the sea for you**

**If you can not climb the wall, He will bring it
down for you**

**When you stretch your hand, He will pull you
up**

When you call on him, He will answer you

When you cry, He will comfort you

When you are in trouble, He will save you

What a wonderful friend He is

HEALING

Faith versus Fear

**I see Satan out to get me
He is watching all my moves
He is trying to fill my mind with doubts
And to let me know there is no way out
He is trying to put fear in my heart
And to take my faith away
But lord
You have taught me no matter what happens
to me
You are right here with me
To lead me to You
To free my soul from bondage
To clean all my sins
To illuminate the way to You
Lord
Let me humble myself
fill my life with faith
And then**

**Fear, doubt, and anxiety
Will disappear**

Standing at The Door

**In my ignorance, I stood at the door of the
church and felt that I will not be satisfied
Then I said, "The church will not fill me, the
teaching is weak, the servants are stumbling,
the rituals are boring, the liturgy is too long,
the prayers are too difficult and are useless!"
Then the Lord called me saying, "Enter into
the deep. Why are you standing at the door?
You are still outside the church and you have
not tasted its beauty
Go deeper to be filled with the Spirit
Then I drew close to the altar and saw the
heavens open
And I saw Christ standing as a priest and a
sacrifice
He said, "Focus your eyes on Me and you will
not see your brothers' weaknesses."
When I saw my father the priest preaching, I**

**heard the Holy Spirit teaching me deep
meanings from simple words
I saw the Lord assisting the weaknesses of His
servants
I felt the spirit of the rites and how wonderful
it was to those who understood it
I experienced the holy liturgy as the Lord's
living scripture
I understood the beauty of Agpya prayers of
psalms and litanies
Then I asked myself, why did I spend my
whole life standing at the door of the church?**

A prayer for healing

O Lord

Great suffering is surrounding me

My needs are multiplying right in front of me

I am afraid of what I see

My dear Lord

I need Your Loving arms to surround me

And to ease the pain inside me

Oh Lord

Grant me Your grace

So, I can gain courage

And wisdom to calm the storm inside of me

O lord

Lead me to a place of healing

For forever I am Yours

A Girl Asked

**Lord, why do you care about me who am a
loser?**

**I do not have anything good or anything at all
to offer You!**

**The Lord answered her and said, “It is
enough to see your love for Me,
And your desire to spend time with Me
delights My heart.”**

**That is all that God wants from His children
He desires their companionship on earth and
in heaven**

**God does not want us to preach by words,
But rather by our works,
our attitude and our relationship with Him
God is not looking for saints!**

**He is looking for a life of repentance and a life
of prayers coming from the heart of hearts**

Be Yourself

Who am I in Christ?

**I am seeking man's approval instead of
seeking the approval of Christ**

**I am hiding and not allowing people to
discover the real me**

I am losing myself and my identity

**Pray and ask the Lord to help you to be one
with Him and to be able to reveal your true
self**

JESUS REIGNS OVER MY HEART

God's tender mercy

**The sky is showering me with kisses
They are comforting my achy heart
Teaching me that God has never forgotten me
Although, sometimes, it is not the choice I
want,
But God's choices and times are always right
So, I say goodbye to sadness
And hello to an unknown future
For I am trusting the Lord to lead me to the
best life for me
And to salvation with Him**

My Father

My Father's love never fails to comfort me

He is always there for me

He is always there to shower me with His love

To comfort me when I am lost and confused

To hold my hand when I am drowning in

sorrow

My Father's love never fails to comfort me

He is always there for me

To touch my heart when it is full of pain

To wipe my tears when I can no longer

To grant me a smile in the middle of my

distress

My Father's love never fails to comfort me

He is always there for me

To whisper in my ear whenever I need a kind

word

To open my eyes when I no longer can see

**To turn my loss to a blessing for me
My Father's love never fails to comfort me
He is always there for me**

The Love of God

**When God came to the world Satan was
puzzled by him**

**For He was born in a manger not in a
mansion**

He lived in suffering not in luxury

He came to serve not to be served

**Satan will never understand and will never
comprehend**

Why God loves us so much

Why He needs us to be His

Why He carried our sins

Why He was ready to accept the blame

**He does not know that this was God's will
and plan all along**

To save the world

His destiny had been planned a long time ago

It did not begin when He was born but long

before the world came to exist
God promised to save His children for His
love is greater than anyone can imagine
Satan asked the question
Are they worth any of this?
God's answer was "yes!"
Because He is the one capable who of making
us worthy
So, never despair and never fear
God is always near to carry you through your
life's journey
Rejoice and be glad

Reminder

**God gives us many talents and many blessings
And in return, He expects us to be active and
receptive to Him**

**He does not want His children to be passive or
lazy in their relationship with Him**

**Life is very short even if, sometimes, it seems
too long**

**Therefore, we should remind ourselves that
every day might be our last**

**Every day we must do the best we can to
make it a blessed day**

Regardless of our pain and disappointments

**Knowing that we cause God the same pain
and disappointment**

**when we don't follow His plan for us or when
we go astray.**

Therefore, we must forgive others

**And give thanks to the Lord God for His
mercy on us**

You Are the One I Love

Lord

You put a seed of love in my heart a long time

ago

You allowed it to grow little by little in me

Until it multiplied

And filled my heart with love for everyone

around me

Lord I was blind to see that you are the

source

of everything good in me

Until You opened my eyes

And let me see

That Your love for me was always there

Carrying me through my life

So I came running to You my Lord

For I finally realized

That what I was looking for

is the only one I love

God's Present

Each day we wake up again in the morning

is a beautiful present

we do not know what it will be

It can be something we have been waiting for

or something unexpected

It can be a memory from the past

It can be a hope for a wonderful future

It can be a word of encouragement

It can be something we do not want

It can be something we do not appreciate

It can be something to bring tears to our eyes

It can be something that will bring sorrow to

our heart

But whatever this present might be

We have to accept it

We have to give thanks for it

Because God knows what is best for us

**God knows all of our needs
So, do not be discouraged
Maybe someday you will find
The present your heart desires**

Amazing Love

**Through the cross
Your message became so clear
God is very near
God's amazing love was revealed
When He gave us His only Son
To suffer in our place
Through the cross
You taught me
What I should do to be like You
To carry others' burden
To learn to scarify
To do God's will
To pray for others
To forgive others
Through the cross
You died for me to set my soul free
To give me life with You**

Until I am united in heaven with You

The Journey of the Cross

**They heard about His amazing power
Raising the dead, calming the storm, and
opening the eyes of the blind
Everyone cheered and marveled
He must be the one we were waiting for
He's going to be our king
He came to save us
Finally, they would be free
They would have power
They would not be defeated
But this was not God's plan
No one understands
No one comprehends
God wants all His people back
And He will do what it takes
But He had a journey to make
No matter what anyone says**

**On the cross He will go
He will die to let us know
How much He loves us**

Your Cross

**My eyes were drawn to Your cross
My body became still, and my thoughts
carried me away ...**

**I saw You alone in the garden
You were weeping, begging, and full of
sorrow**

No one was awake to comfort you

I saw

God had a plan for You to fulfill

He never meant for You to stay

Your journey had to start for everyone to see

Your gift of salvation

No one was aware of what would happen

How much suffering You will endure

A carpenter made a heavy cross for You

To left on the day

Satan stirred everyone's wrath against You

**No friends around to comfort You
Everyone ran for their life
Too many false accusations against You
Carrying Your cross all alone despite Your
many wounds and great pain
Going up the narrow and dusty road like a
lamb waiting to be slaughtered
Your wounded body was bleeding while you
prayed in silence for all to be finished
My eyes grew full of tears
To thank You lord for what You had endured
to save a sinner like me**

Mary What Did You Feel

**Mary what did you feel
When the angel announced to you
That you are the one and
Christ will be your son
and your life will never be the same?
Mary what did you feel
When you touched Him with your own hands,
carried Him in your arms and
when you hugged Him for the first time?
Mary what did you feel
When He looked at you with His eyes,
when He gave you a smile and
when He spoke His first word?
Mary what did you feel
when you knew you are the one who needed
Him,
the one who longed for Him and**

the one who are cared for by Him?

I wonder!

What did the angels do?

Did they look with surprise?

Did they have many questions to ask?

Did they Marvel with joy?

I wonder!

Did the angels know

the kind of life that He will lead?

Did they know of the suffering awaiting Him?

of the tremendous pain He will go through.

Mary what did you feel

When you no longer held Him in your arms?

When you saw Him suffering and in agony?

When everyone doubted Him

Mary

Your silence is amazing

But

I saw your heart broken in pieces

I saw your tears gushing from your heart

I saw you trembling with sorrow

Mary

How did you keep all of your suffering inside?

How did you give and never receive?

How did you handle looking at His falling

body?

Mary

Thank you for all what you taught us

Thank you for your love and compassion for

us

Thank you for being you

Suffering

**Suffering makes life hard to handle
Through my tears and my fears my hope
disappears
When it gets to be unbearable for me
I look at Your cross
I survive through feeling Your pain
Suffering is not something far from You
You suffered since the day you were born
You never once complained
Through your pain You made everyone
happy
The blind, the lame and the leper rejoiced
You carried the sin of the world by Yourself
When You were sorrowful no one heard You
complaining
Beaten, wounded, and hated by all
I see thorns pressing and tearing Your skin**

**I see nails hammered through Your hands
and feet**

I see a spear shooting deep into Your side

I see great suffering in Your heart

How much pain can You bear?

But You never gave up hope

For

God the Father is always there for You

Carrying You all the way through

So

I should never give in or despair

For

You will never let go of my hand

Suddenly, someone will come through

To make my heart full of peace

And my soul will rejoice and be pleased

Thank You Lord

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million. The public sector has become a major employer in the UK, and this has implications for the way in which the public sector is managed and the way in which it is funded.

The public sector is a complex and diverse organisation, and it is difficult to define what it is. However, it is generally understood to include the following: the civil service, the armed forces, the police, the fire service, the health service, the education system, the social security system, and the public utilities.

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