

Giving All

*“For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom for all...”*

1 Timothy 2:5-6

Oh Lord God, You alone are Good. You are Truth. You are Light. You are Love. You are Life. Cause our eyes to see, our ears to hear, our minds to grasp, our hearts to love, our lives to point others to You. Because You gave Your all—Your life—for us, move us to live in such a way that we joyfully surrender our lives in giving all for You: loving others as You love us, and loosening our grip on material wealth so that we generously give to the work of missions—reaching the lost and sharing the Gospel. Revive Your church; restore to us a love for and obedience to Your Word, and make us faithful in prayer. We know, Lord, that righteousness belongs to You alone, so we ask for Your continued grace and mercy not because of our righteous acts or worthiness, but because of who You are and based on Your abundant compassion.

“...if You kept an account of iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness, so that You may be revered. I wait for the Lord; I wait and put my hope in His Word. I wait for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning... Put your hope in the Lord. For there is faithful love with the Lord, and with Him is redemption in abundance.”

Psalms 130

Thank You, Father, that when the cares of this world start to weigh us down and the ways of this world try to beat us down, we can be confident that the One who came to earth as a baby in this Advent season is still with us in the Spirit through every season, empowering us to rise above worldly things if we receive Your gracious gift of forgiveness and walk according to the Truth of Your Word. In giving Your All, You give us strength to stand and boldness to walk according to Your plan and purpose for our lives. It is in the blessed Name of Jesus we pray.

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

“Immanuel...God with us.”

Matthew 1:23

