



Dear Friends,

The last few days have been very cold and it is hard to even think that Spring might just be around the corner.

Spring is a time when we see new growth in our gardens and new life out in the fields. It is a season of hope.

The farmer or shepherd cares for the lambs, nurtures them, protects them, keeps them from danger. Psalm 23 speaks of the Lord being our Shepherd who brings us to green pastures, leads us beside still waters and restores our soul. Through the times of sorrow, He is with us, He walks through those valleys, through those rough times with us and brings us comfort.

This is a song my sister and I used to sing as a duet, beautiful words reminding us of God's grace and undying love.

[God has not promised hymn youtube - Search \(bing.com\)](#)

God hath not promised skies always blue,  
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;  
God hath not promised sun without rain,  
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain.

**Refrain:**

**But God hath promised strength for the day,  
Rest for the labor, light for the way,  
Grace for the trials, help from above,  
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

God hath not promised we shall not know  
Toil and temptation, trouble and woe;  
He hath not told us we shall not bear  
Many a burden, many a care. (Refrain)

God hath not promised smooth roads and wide,  
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;  
Never a mountain, rocky and steep,  
Never a river, turbid and deep. (Refrain)

Grief does not have a set time, it can be different for each of us, God knows this and understands our grief and sorrow and promises to give us the strength we need for each day.

Today is a time when we remember those loved ones who are no longer with us but are held deeply in our hearts and in our memories.

Gracious God, we thank you that you too grieved, that you understand the depth of our grief. Help us to walk daily with you through the mountain tops and the valleys of our lives and may we know your strength and comfort as we face each day.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen

In Christian Love and Service,

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