

HUGGING JESUS PRAYER

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CHORUS

Often I think with longing..... about Jesus LONGING to gather people
under His wings,
His sad words of calling people to Him. That's Matthew 23's end. Like a
HUG under God's wings.

VERSE 1

Suddenly I realize how selfish I've been, to focus on me and not yearn to hug HIM,
to show my LORD LOVE, and to comfort Him with
sorrow for all the pain people cause Him. With
GRIEF for all the pain I have caused Him.

VERSE 2

Jesus now I realize how very much I YEARN to comfort, to hug You for You and not
me: To show You my Love, and speak comfort words, with
sorrow for all the pain people cause You. With
GRIEF for all the pain I have caused You.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Deuteronomy 32: 11-12

“As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up,
Carrying them on its wings, SO the LORD alone led [His people Israel, vs 9]
and *there* was no foreign god with [them].”

Ruth 2:12, “The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of
Israel,
under Whose wings you have come for refuge.”

Psalms 36:7, “How precious *is* Your lovingkindness, O God! Therefore the children of men
put their trust under the shadow of Your wings.”

Malachi 4:2a, “But to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing
in **His** wings...”

WORD OF JESUS IDENTIFYING HIMSELF as YHWH GOD: Matthew 23:37 & Luke 13:34.

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her!
How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her
chicks **under her wings**, but you were not willing!”

SCRIPTURE READINGS – CONTINUED

*THROUGH **EVERY** ONE OF THESE words of God, His people knew that “wings” was referring not to literal bird like wings but the Protection of YHWH God:*

Psalm 17: 8-9. “Keep me as the apple of Your eye; Hide me under the shadow of Your wings, From the wicked who oppress me, From my deadly enemies who surround me.”

Psalm 57:1. “Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me! For my soul trusts in You; And in the shadow of Your wings I will make my refuge, Until these calamities have passed by.”

Psalm 61:4.

“I will abide in Your tabernacle forever; I will trust in the shelter of Your wings. Selah.”

Psalm 63:7.

“Because You have been my help, Therefore in the shadow of Your wings I will rejoice.”

Song Story

I had to pull over at a gas station to write these song lyrics into my journal before I forgot them – the COMPLETE song – after the idea came to me – beginning as an actual prayer – as I was driving to my Mom's house for Christmas celebrations.....

I often think of Jesus's tearful sounding words spoken to Jerusalem's people who were about to just watch as he was killed only hours later... Matthew 23:37, right before His warnings about END OF THE WORLD signs that we see everywhere in our world in 2016....

Written in deep sorrow at my selfishness that so much wants to BE hugged when I'm sick or sad, but that forgets to yearn to WANT to show my LORD True Love....