

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor.

—Isaiah 61:1-3

This we pray...

Jesus, thank you for setting an example of what real life looks like. You came to preach good news. You came to bind up the brokenhearted. You came to release those living in the restraints of sin and condemnation. I know you are the way, the truth, and the life. So, your life must be the perfect example of how we are to live. Call me Jesus to the broken, and give me the strength and discipline to go. Call me Jesus to the prisoners, so that I might tell them of the good news that brings true freedom from captivity. Call me Jesus to those who mourn, so that I might provide your comfort and relief in this trying time. I am listening Lord, please speak. Quicken my steps that I only run after you and your call.
