HE PRAYS FOR YOU

My Bible Reading

“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail.” (Luke 22:31-32, NLT)

Simon Peter was an outspoken disciple of Jesus. He had his good traits, but he had some bad ones too. He was rather impulsive, impatient, and a little overconfident. He told Jesus, “I’m ready to die for you” (Luke 13:37 NLT), yet he denied even knowing Jesus after the Lord was arrested.

But just before Jesus predicts that Peter is going to deny his Lord, He says, “I have pleaded in prayer for you.” Then, Jesus says, “So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers.” (Luke 22:32 NLT). That means Jesus really believed in Peter. He wasn’t about to give up on him, so He prayed for him.

Truth is, Jesus won’t give up on you either, even though you may fail Him from time to time. When you’re about to be tested or tempted, guess who is praying for you? Yes, Jesus is praying specifically for you. It says in 1 John: “There is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely” (1 John 2:1 NLT). And the Holy Spirit even prays so intensely for you that His groaning “cannot be expressed in words” (Romans 8:26 NLT).

My Prayer

It blows my mind to think that You care for me so much that You actually pray for me. I admit I need Your prayers and I need to know that You believe in me. Thank You for that. Help me find strength in You, and may Your prayers keep me close to You today. Amen.