



## As a Mother Comforts Her Child

*Evening and morning and at noon  
I utter my complaint and moan,  
and he hears my voice  
(Psalm 55:17).*

My mother is upstairs, rocking my son as he cries. He is almost four months old and like all newborns, his needs are many and his voice is loud. As a first-time mom, I sometimes find myself frustrated, questioning myself, wondering if I am truly answering his cries. When I look at his little face, I am struck by how helpless he really is and how much we must resemble him in God's eyes.

The Bible is full of examples of people crying out to the Lord asking for assistance. Reassuringly, God always answers! In fact, God promises: *The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works* (Psalm 145:17). How much like this little screaming baby must we appear to God! We are so needy and helpless here on earth. There are so many ways to stumble and fall and hurt ourselves. In just a few short months, my boy will be crawling, then walking, then talking.

It's easy to get overwhelmed by the world's troubles. Yet God tells us that, *As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you* (Isaiah 66:13a). How blessed are we to have a loving God who cares for each of us as a mother cares for her child.

**Prayer:** Thank You, Jesus, for hearing our cries. Thank You for being with us when we're alone, bringing us comfort when we are hurt, and bringing us peace when we are troubled. Help us to show Your love and comfort to others, and help us to be Your loving hands where love is needed most. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*For thus says the Lord:  
"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,  
and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream; and  
you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,  
and bounced upon her knees.  
As one whom his mother comforts,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem"* (Isaiah 66:12–13).

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