

# Daily Devotional by Dr. Gloria P. Holmes

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## "Gateway to God's Glory in the Midst of the Coronavirus Pandemic"

### "WEEPING MAY..."

*"Jesus wept."* St. John 11:35

Isn't it interesting that the shortest verse in the Bible deals with devastation? There has been a lot of weeping during this challenging pandemic season, and rightfully so. But life goes on and thus, many families and friends, ours and yours, are experiencing bereavement and sadness as we wait for a change to come. Even hearing about and watching the many heartbreaking stories and tragic events bring tears to our eyes. As Christians, we are told in Matthew 5:4: ***"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*** I am so glad that we are informed that there is nothing wrong with crying and mourning because we are told that Jesus wept. Think about it. The One who was fully human and fully divine; the perfect One who was without sin, wept at the death of His close friend Lazarus. Indeed, we are told in Romans 12:15: ***"Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep."*** I am sure that you feel as I do; we would much rather rejoice than weep. However, weeping is therapeutic. Weeping or crying is an emotional response of shedding tears to express grief, sorrow, pain, or any other overwhelming emotion. The gospel singers Mary, Mary recorded a very popular song some years ago titled *"Yesterday."* One line from the song refrained: *"I cried my last tear yesterday."* Well, we may not have cried our last tears yet, but we still have good news to sustain us in trying moments. We can look forward to eternity as described in Revelation 21:4: ***"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."*** For sure, this too shall pass. It is absolutely certain, my beloved: We can trust the promise of Psalm 30:5: ***"For His anger lasts only a moment but His favor lasts a lifetime; weeping may endure for a moment but joy comes in the morning."*** I believe God's Word; I hope you do too.

#### Prayer

Dear LORD,  
I praise you for the Comforter  
and I thank you for Your Word.  
I believe that though weeping  
may endure for a night, joy will  
come in the morning. I will  
keep waiting on You until my  
change comes. In the name of  
the One and Only Jesus, I pray.  
Amen!

#### How will you respond to today's message?

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