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(Rom 8:17) and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

(Rom 8:18) For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

(Rom 8:19) For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

(Rom 8:20) For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

(Rom 8:21) that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.

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(Rom 8:25) But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

(Rom 8:26) Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groaning's too deep for words.

(Rom 8:27) And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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(Mat 6:5) “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

(Mat 6:6) But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

(Mat 6:7) “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

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A primary verb; properly to “croak”(Kreun) (as a raven) or *scream*, that is, (generally) to *call* aloud (*shriek*, *exclaim*, *intreat*): - cry (out).

(Mat 20:30) And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they **cried out**, “Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!”

(Mat 14:30) But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he **cried out**, “Lord, save me.”

(Mar 15:39) And when the centurion, which stood over against him, saw that he so ***cried out***, and gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was the Son of God.

(Mat 27:50) And Jesus ***cried out*** again with a loud voice and yielded up his spirit.

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