## **Bible Study for July 13-19**

You are encouraged to take some time to reflect on the scripture and the questions provided either individually, or with members of your household.

**Read:** Romans 8:12-25

**Notes:** For Paul, true spirituality means that we experience the reality of the Spirit, which enables us to pray as God's children, keeps us in solidarity with creation, and gives us unseen hope that God will liberate us and creation from bondage to death and decay.

## **Questions to Ponder:**

What have you eagerly expected during this past year or two that did not come off as planned? Living in the midst of a pandemic, there should be no shortage of answers!

How did you express your disappointment?

From 8:17, what type of suffering do you think Paul has in view?

What do you think he means by "the glory to come"?

Imagine what our world might be like if there were no decay or death.

What frustrates you the most about living in a fallen world?

How can the hope in verses 22-25 help you during times of trial?

How has your hope in Christ aided you through this time of pandemic?