

Bible Study for July 20-26

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 8:26-39

Notes: The Holy Spirit ministers to God's children by giving us hope in our suffering, help in our weakness, and assurance that all things work out to fulfill God's eternal purposes in our lives. When our hope in God dims, we easily succumb to impatience in times of distress. The Spirit helps us in our frailty, assuring us of God's steadfast love.

These words celebrate the depth of God's actions for us. Through Christ's death for us and the activity of the Spirit praying for us, we are fused to God's love poured out in Jesus Christ. Nothing, not even death itself, is able to separate us from such incredible divine love.

Questions to Ponder:

On an optimist – pessimist scale, where do you position yourself? Why?

How often do you think about the Holy Spirit praying on our behalf when words fail us?

What are the five questions and their answers in verses 31-35? What do you think is Paul's point in raising them?

What keeps you from doubting God's love for you? Why?

What difficulties that we face in these times drive a wedge in our trust in God?

What part of these verses are most helpful in renewing your trust in God?