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From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing From a life of worldly passions Deliver me O God

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From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely Deliver me O God
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And I shall not want, no, I shall not want When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want

From the fear of serving others Oh, and from the fear of death or trial And from the fear of humility Deliver me O God Yes, deliver me O God

And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness
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When I taste Your goodness I shall not want I shall not want I shall not want



Trusting in God

In life, Christians have to trust in God. As a Christian who moved from one country to another, trusting in God was an immediate reality in my life. When I got married and had to immigrate to the United States, I had to leave my whole family behind in the Philippines. I remember flying for the first time overseas. Before I boarded the plane, I started crying because of the fear and the uncertainty of what lies ahead, but with the help of my pastor, I was reminded to trust in God and to remember Jeremiah 29:11 (ESV), "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Although there are times we don't understand why things happen in our lives (especially not so pleasant circumstances such as difficulties at work, sicknesses, depression, financial hardships, family issues, injustices and other trials), we have to learn to trust in God. We don't need to know all the answers for everything that goes on in our life, immediately in this present moment, but only to trust in God.

One may ask why do we need to trust in God? There are few reasons for trusting in God.

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Four ways to practice our trust in God

Prayers - When we pray, we are relying on God's power rather than our own strengths. Hudson Taylor, a well-known Christian Missionary had said, "when we work, we work, but when we pray, God works."

Let us pray!

Total Surrender - God desires us to trust in Him and rely on His mighty power instead. The more we surrender ourselves to God, we will have more peace knowing that we are in His hands. Let us surrender all to God!

Meditate upon the Word When we meditate on God's
Word, it helps us to remember
His character, promises and
the things to come. Meditating
upon the Word gives us a
comfort because it reminds us
of God. Let us meditate upon
the Word!

Remember the Cross - Without the atoning death of Jesus Christ, all is in vain. The message of the cross causes us to draw near to God. May we always be remind of the message of the cross.

God is Almighty - The same God who created the entire universe, the same God who provided the sacrificial lamb for Abraham to substitute for his son, the same God who parted the Red Sea for the Israelite's to pass through, the same God who made the sun to stand still is our God. And this is also the same God who has forgiven our sins through Jesus Christ's death on the cross. So, what a comfort knowing that our God is mighty to do all things! We can definitely trust in Him because He is mighty to save and mighty to heal. Isaiah 41:13 says, "For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you." So because God is almighty let us trust in Him.

God is Loving - If our God was only strong but not loving, it would be difficult to trust in Him because He might not care for us. But we can trust Him because He loves His children. It is in His nature to care, to help and to bless us because He is love. John 4:8 says, "God is love." Out of His love, He sent His only son Jesus Christ for us. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God's love is far greater than how much we can grasp - God gave His only Son Jesus Christ to save us! So how can we not trust in God? So because our God is the definition of amazing love, we can definitely trust in Him.

God is for His people – Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." Since the beginning, God has been faithful to those who put their trust in Him. When Moses asked what name he should give, God answered in Exodus 3:14, "I am who I am." And he said, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'I am has sent me to you." When the question comes and you wonder who will be there for you in times of hardships or in times of joy, God says "I am." Who will be your redeemer, saving you from your sins? God says "I am." Who will be your God? God says "I am." God is the only one who has been faithful to His people since the beginning of the time; so let us trust in Him.

Whenever I read the Bible, it encourages me to trust in God more in every way possible. It aspires me to put all my trust in God with full confidence because I am in the safe hands of God. While we are here on this earth, we may go through various issues. But we need to remember that our lord God is trustworthy in all things. Trusting in God removes our fears, satisfies our longing, assures our souls, and strengthens our confidence. So let us trust in God. Let us continue to trust in God. Trust in God today, trust in God tomorrow and trust in God forevermore. To God be all the glory, praises and honor forever and ever. Amen.

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