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Isa. 33:2 LORD, be gracious to us; we long for You. Be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress.

I love the heart of Isaiah. He had a love for his people, but an even greater love for his LORD. In his prayers, you can hear his compassion and desire to honor his great Father. In today's passage, I would like to focus on the phrase: "**we long for You.**" The Hebrew word is **kivvinu** which means *to eagerly expect, have great hope or patiently waiting*. I remember when my children were young, and I would have to be gone on a trip, when they knew I was coming home, they would wait by the front window of our house. There was nothing more heartwarming that to see their faces light up when "*Daddy is home!*" would ring out in their beautiful little voices.

Are you looking for your Father to come? There will be a day, and I believe it to be very soon, when the LORD will open up the sky and return to claim His children. **1 Cor. 15:52 in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.**

I have to admit that some days, I long for this so much. This world is not my home. I get homesick for my Father. I want to be with Him, worshipping Him in all of His glory. But then Isaiah says, **be our strength every morning, our salvation in time of distress**. He realizes that while we are in this world, we have a purpose and to accomplish it, we need our LORD's power.

Dear LORD, we long for You. We need Your strength every day, all day. We look to You for Your power to face the struggles that this life brings. We look to You dear Father. In Jesus Name, Amen.