

## Praying through the week 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024

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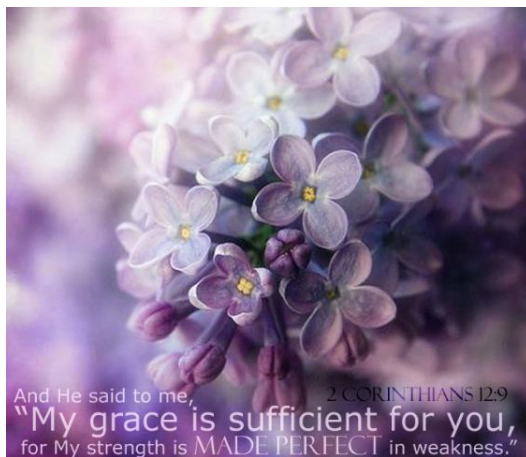
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