

Christ is my firm foundation  
The rock on which I stand  
When everything around me is shaken  
I've never been more glad  
That I put my faith in Jesus  
'Cause He's never let me down  
He's faithful through generations  
So why would He fail now?  
He won't...  
He won't fail...

I've still got joy in chaos  
I've got peace that makes no sense  
I won't be going under  
I'm not held by my own strength  
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus  
He's never let me down  
He's faithful through every season  
So why would He fail now?  
He won't...  
He won't fail...

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# Autumn

## OPENING DECLARATION

As we enter this autumn season let's remember that everything has its appointed time from God. He is sovereign and He is always faithful. Through all the seasons of life, through all the undulating circumstances of the passing years, God remains loving, powerful and true to His Word.

## PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank you that in every season of life you remain the same.

## WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

*To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1

*Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. Joel 2:23 (NIV)*

*I will still be the same when you are old and grey, and I will take care of you. I created you. I will carry you and always keep you safe.*  
Isaiah 46:4 (Contemporary English Version)

*The righteous will flourish like the date palm [long-lived, upright and useful]; they will grow like a cedar in Lebanon [majestic and stable].*

*Planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. [Growing in grace] they will still thrive and bear fruit and prosper in old age; they will flourish and be vital and fresh [rich in trust and love and contentment]; [they are living memorials] to declare that the Lord is upright and faithful [to His promises]; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.*

Psalm 92:12-15 (Amplified Bible)

## REFLECTION & PRAYERS

Autumn is often viewed as a season of change.

The trees take on a new beauty of leaves changing colour whilst cobwebs glisten in the morning mist. Apples are ready to be picked. As the trees drop their leaves in this season and have a rest, there will surely be a season of new life in the not so far off spring. As we look out of our windows and see the changes in nature let's thank God for His faithfulness to us in all the seasons of life.

We may see parents walking their children to school. Let's pray for them as they navigate so many unexpected pressures. Many will be apprehensive about starting a new school year with a different teacher, new friends, greater expectations and pressures. Let's pray for their peace and wellbeing and for the Lord to keep them safe and to walk with them throughout their day.

In our autumn years let's look to what God's Word says about this season. Let's thank the Lord that even though bones may creak and joints ache that He has promised never to leave us but to strengthen, carry and sustain us. Let's thank the Lord that in Him we can flourish and remain useful and still bear much fruit whatever our age or situation.

## CLOSING PRAYER

Heavenly Father, thank You for creating the beautiful season of Autumn. Open our eyes to see the beauty of Your creation and to see Your hand upon this season in our lives. We pray for children and teenagers who are struggling, to experience your peace and wellbeing; for parents and teachers to know Your wisdom. We pray that each of us will know that You are there in the midst of our every day. Thank You for bringing life and strength to our bodies, peace to our minds, wisdom for our situations and Your presence giving comfort and joy. Remind us daily we pray of your Word to carry and sustain us, giving us Your Grace for whatever we may face. Thank You for Your faithfulness and for being our greatest Friend, Redeemer, Saviour, Provider, Protector and Healer.  
We love You Lord. Amen.