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Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:4-6

We humans have a difficult time with the truth that there was another who was so full of love that he sacrificed himself to make us holy. It is beyond our reach mentally and emotionally to find ourselves fully accepting that fact. But it is true. The suffering servant, the Son of God, God himself wrapped in mortal flesh did that for us.

I am glad we can't see infirmity, sorrow and affliction in color. It would scare us. Yet, it is still by his receiving our punishment that brings us that long awaited peace. Wounds in us that have yet to heal are on their way to being healed all because of the wounds he received. In Isaiah 51 we can read these words, "I have put my words in your mouth and covered you with the shadow of my hand." God is for us.

Lord, thank you for being for us and making a way to heal our wounds.

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