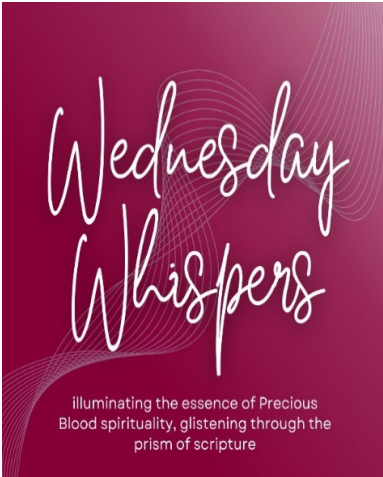




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“Remember me, though I have to say goodbye”



“Remember me, though I have to say goodbye.
Remember me, don't let it make you cry.
For even if I'm far away, I hold you in my heart.”

In the quiet glow of remembering, we gather around that holy light —
the light that guided those who came before us,
the same flame now placed gently in our hands.
It is the light of faith, a lamp that does not flicker with time,
but leads us, step by step, toward the promise of eternal life.

This month, we remember.
We remember faces and names, laughter and tears,
the warmth of hands we once held,
and the love that has never left us.
Around our altars and tables, in candles and bread,
in stories whispered and songs softly sung,
we proclaim that love is stronger than death.
The veil between heaven and earth thins,
and in the stillness, we feel their presence.

There is a saying: we die three times —
when our bodies fail, when we are laid to rest,
and when we are forgotten.
But those who live in Christ are never forgotten.
Their memory breathes in us, their faith lights our way,
and their prayers rise with ours
like incense in the house of God.

We do not pray for them alone —we pray *with* them.
Together, we stand in the great communion of saints,
a chorus of souls singing,
"Amen. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,
honor, power, and might
be to our God forever and ever. Amen."

So go home, and remember.
Open the old photo albums, tell the stories again, laugh, cry, give thanks.
For in remembering, we make them present;
in Christ, we are made one, and in the radiant mercy of God,
love never ends, and all are alive.

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