

## *My Child, My Precious Pearl*

You may have felt I had forgotten you in the darkness of your pain...  
You may have felt I had abandoned you when you cried out to Me in vain.  
    Perhaps you chose to listen to the voices that condemned;  
    when all the while My Mercy whispered quietly in their stead.  
And although you felt forsaken, and couldn't see what laid ahead...  
Though you couldn't feel my love beyond the tears of fear and dread...  
Though the battle that enraged kept you from coming to My Throne...  
You need to know I held your hand, My Child... and you never walked alone.

You need to know I dispatched armies to fight the battles that you lost.  
You need to know I felt your pain, and mourned for you, for all it cost.  
You need to know that all the voices that condemned you at My Feet,  
    each time you chose the courage...will have accountability to Me.  
Not one whose hurt your heart, not one whose caused you such great pain...  
Not one whose caused your stumbling, not one whose criticized in vain...  
    Not one of them will pass this life without Me asking why...  
They chose to use My Word to cause such pain, that you might die.

Do not harbor bitterness, surrender what you have to me...  
    and learn the power of My Grace and of Forgiving Liberty.  
    Keep this as a reminder of the love I have for you.  
That what you lost is to your gain, that you're among My chosen few.

The fragrance of a flower, bringing incense to My Throne...  
Is your love that cries for mercy, when feel you're left alone.

Offer Me the fragrance found in trusting Me by faith,  
And I will wash your fears away, with My gentle cleansing rain.

Know that I am with you every night you go to sleep,  
and there is nothing that can keep you from My Grace, if you believe.

So come to Me, My Child, every time you need a friend.  
Come knowing that My faithfulness and Mercy never ends.

Keep this as a reminder of the price I paid for you.  
I gave you Jesus as your One and Only, Living Sacrificial Pearl.