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**Phil. 4:19** *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

As Paul was finishing his letter to the church in Philippi, he was praising the Lord for the way that the Philippians had met his needs out of their own scarce supply. Most of the congregation were poor and hardly able to make it with their own small salaries. Paul mentions this in **2 Cor. 8:1-5** *And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the LORD's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the LORD, and then by the will of God also to us. (NIV)* They gave from a heart of gratefulness to someone who had given them spiritual help. They were joyful to recompense Paul for the wisdom that He had given through his teaching.

And so, Paul lets them know that the LORD knows their hearts and He is faithful. He will meet their needs. Not just some of their needs, but all of them. Not all of their wants, or desires, but their needs. I know that there have been many wants in my life that I really didn't need. In fact, in hindsight, I realize that I was blessed to not have some of those desires. Instead, the LORD provided something even better than what I thought I really wanted. But now listen to this profound statement, *according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus*. There is no lack in God's riches. Combine the net worth of the world's richest billionaires and that wouldn't even make a drop in the bucket of God's riches. He owns everything. He just allows us to use a portion of it. And He will do what He has said. He will supply. **1 Pt. 5:7** *Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. (NIV)*

**Dear LORD, You are the giver of all good things. You desire to meet all of our needs. Help us to focus on You and Your plan rather than on all that we think would make us happy. Things will disappear, but You will never fail us. In Jesus Name, Amen**