Service in the Body of Christ

Bible Reading: Romans 12: 1-8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your^[a] faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, ^[b] do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Prayers (Mothers Union September midday prayers)

Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season we shall reap, if we do not give up. *Galatians* 6:9

Lord of each and every season, we celebrate your goodness. We bless your holy name.

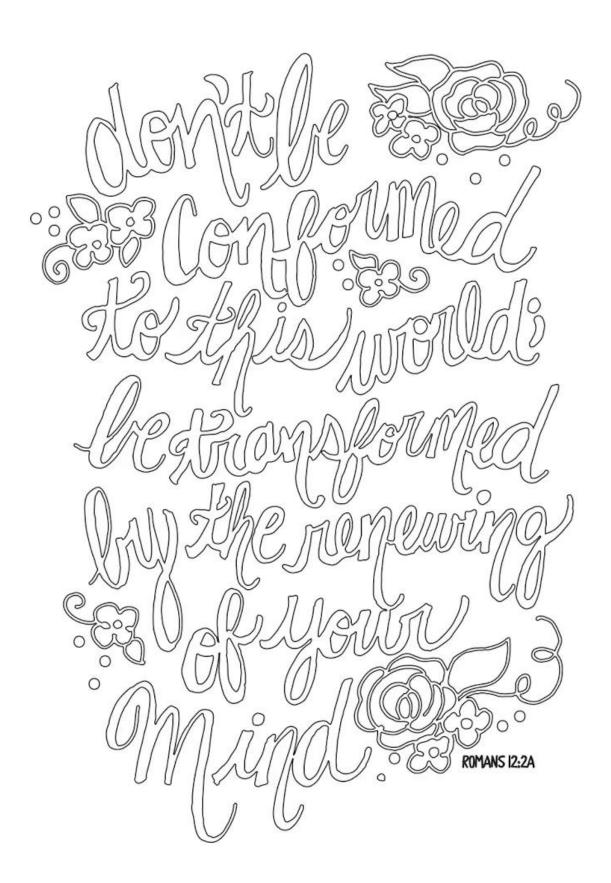
Gracious God, the signs of your kingdom are growing but the workers to gather are few. Send us out in every season to the harvest fields of life.

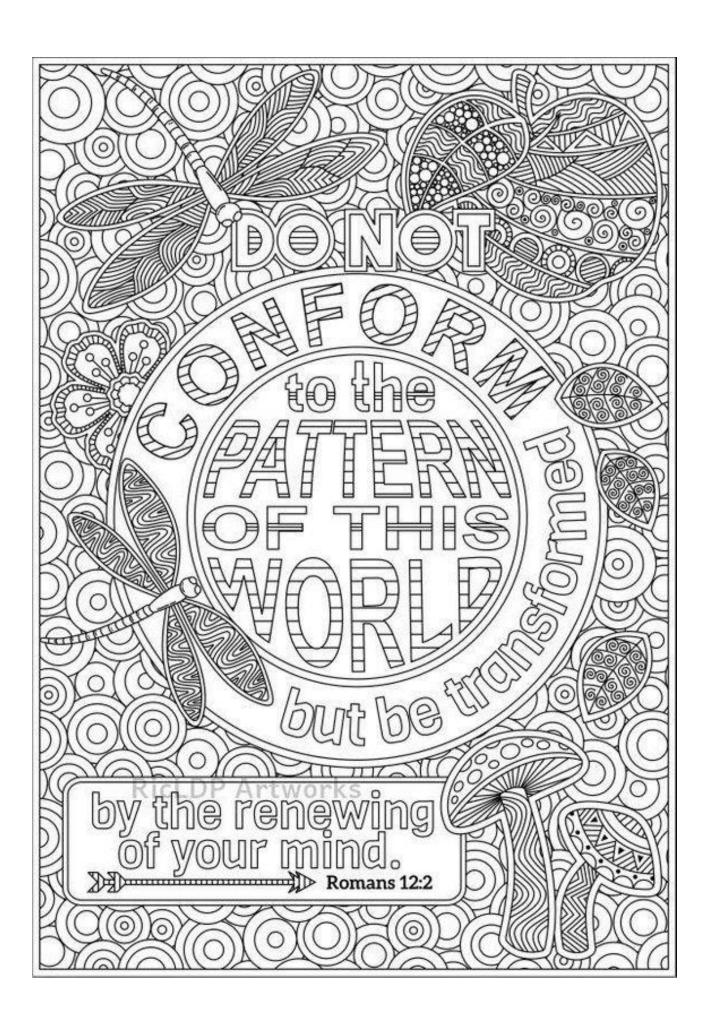
May those who sow and those who reap rejoice in an abundant harvest of goodness and grace.

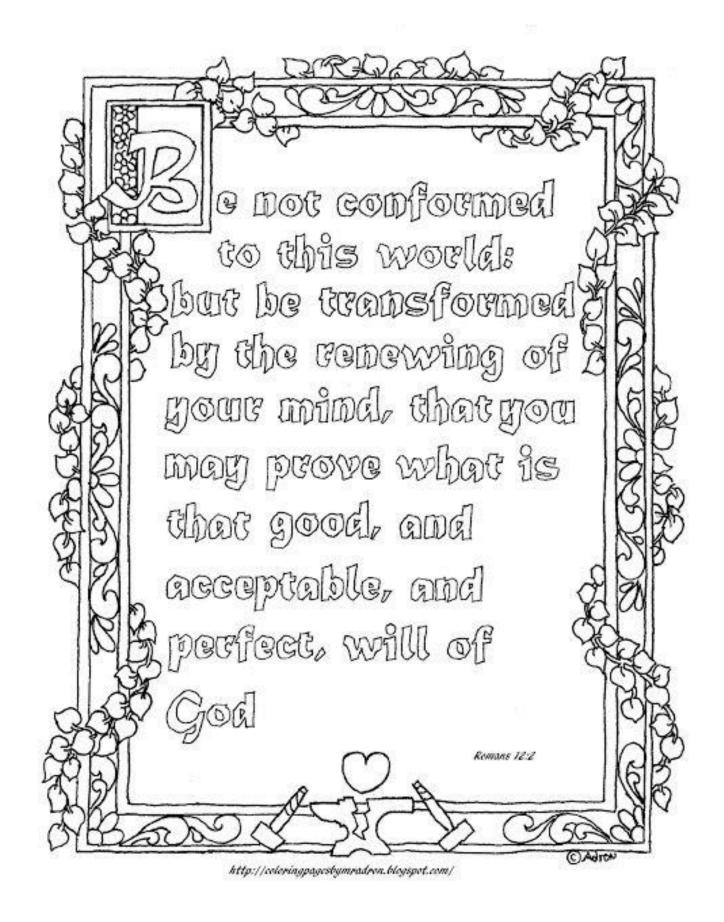
Give us your strength to carry on throughout changing seasons, knowing that we will reap blessings both now and for eternity.

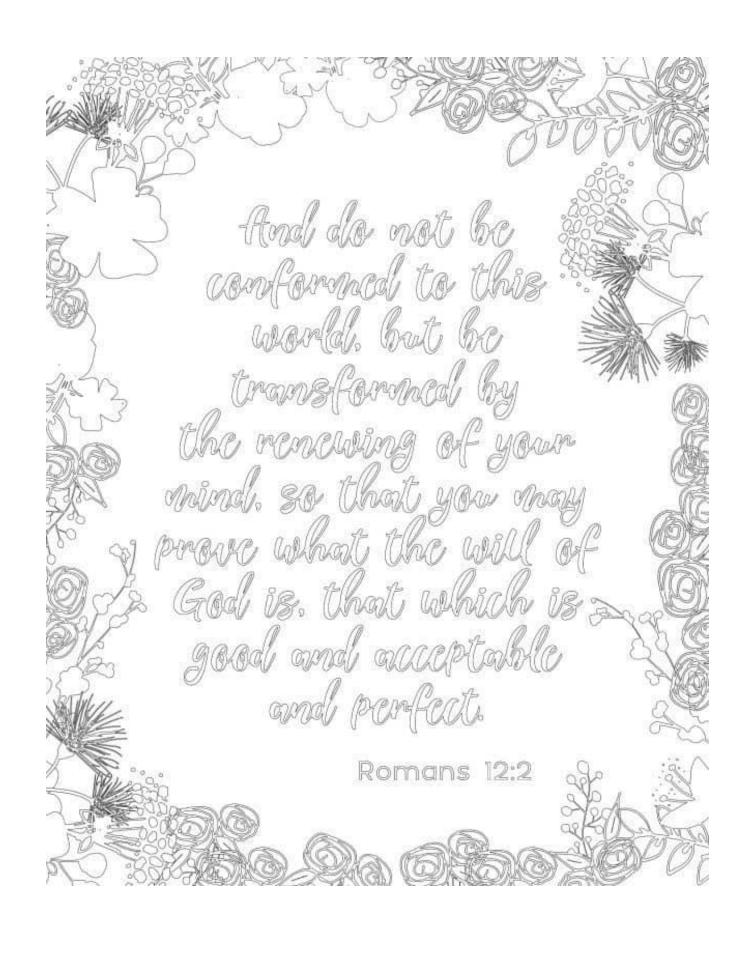
Lord of each and every season, we celebrate your goodness. We bless your holy name. Amen

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