

The Flowers:

Physical Blessings

Wherever God makes flowers bloom, praises rise to heaven. Whenever he floods our lives with blessings, we, too, respond in songs of praise!

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come.

Song of Solomon 2:12



Blessed: A Bouquet of Friends

A friend loveth at all times.

Proverbs 17:17

God has uniquely designed each person he has brought into your life. Some bring balance, while others infuse vibrancy, bring focus with pizzazz, or fill in empty spaces with simplicity. Together, you make a brilliant bouquet. Each person comes to you, intended as a blessing from your Lord.

Consider these examples:

Do you know Rose? Rose buds begin tightly closed and then slowly open up to reveal individual layers of petals that lead deeper to the flower's center. Is there someone in your life who is difficult to get to know? Don't grow weary in the waiting. She will bless you as she unfolds in God's time. Remember, "The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple" (Psalm 119:130). As God reveals his mysteries to your "Rose," she will become increasingly more beautiful.

Do you know Lily? *Lily of the Valley, I mean?* The valley is a place of growth, but it is often also a place of suffering. Romans 5:3-5 promises bless-