Prayer for Peace

Father,
  It's me, your beloved child.
Every effort to move forward seems like a battle right now.
  Every step is against a headwind.
  Every joyful thought is followed by a dark cloud.
  Every attempt at progress seems to come with an anchor.

Why are things so difficult?

But I trust in your unfailing love.
I trust in the person and work of Jesus Christ
  Who knows how I strain and struggle
  Who sympathizes with my temptations
  Who sees that I'm trying oh so hard.
I trust in Jesus who invites me to come to him in my weariness
  To find rest
  To find a burden that is light - one that I can actually carry!
I trust in your Spirit
  The seal of my salvation
    So that I don't have to strive to earn my value
    But am reminded that I bear your image
    And I am yours!
Teach me to rest in these truths
  To work diligently because I am deeply loved
  And not to try to earn or prove my worthiness.
As you lead me more deeply into this freedom
  Allow me to invite others - in word and deed - to find your peace as well.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

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