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The month of November reminds us that the year is almost over. And wherever we are, we begin to wonder what we still need to do what goals we need to achieve. How much time did urgent things take up in our lives, things that we thought were important, and how much time did we take away from the family, from our own rest, or how much time did we take away from enjoying the presence of the Lord.

As Christian nurses we began to put on one side of the scale how much the noise of the world weighed in our lives, and on the other how much the promises of the Lord weighed. How much we deviate from the path that at the beginning of the year we committed to travel with the assurance that nothing would divert us from always seeking God's will.

We began to examine what things left us wounded and what things built us up and made us stronger. What achievements did we have in academics to add value to our work, or was it another routine year from which we obtained reluctance and apathy for the profession.

Whatever the balance you make, think that, if we deviate a little from the path, the Lord is willing to help us. He offers us his love, his forgiveness, and rest for our souls. He opens his arms to us again, to give us your shelter. Sometimes, we are too hard on ourselves.

I share some verses that will help us finish the year, remembering that I can end in blessing, and in the agenda we make for next year, let us trust in His eternal Love.

"No sooner had I said: my feet are slipping, when your love, Lord, came to my aid. When my anguish was increasing, your comfort filled my soul with joy." Psalm 94: 18-19.

"How precious, O God, is your great love! Every human being finds refuge in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:7.

"See what great love the Father has given us, that we are called children of God! And we are!" 1 John 3:1.

"And the same Lord of peace give you peace always in every way. The Lord be with you all." 2 Thessalonians 3:16.