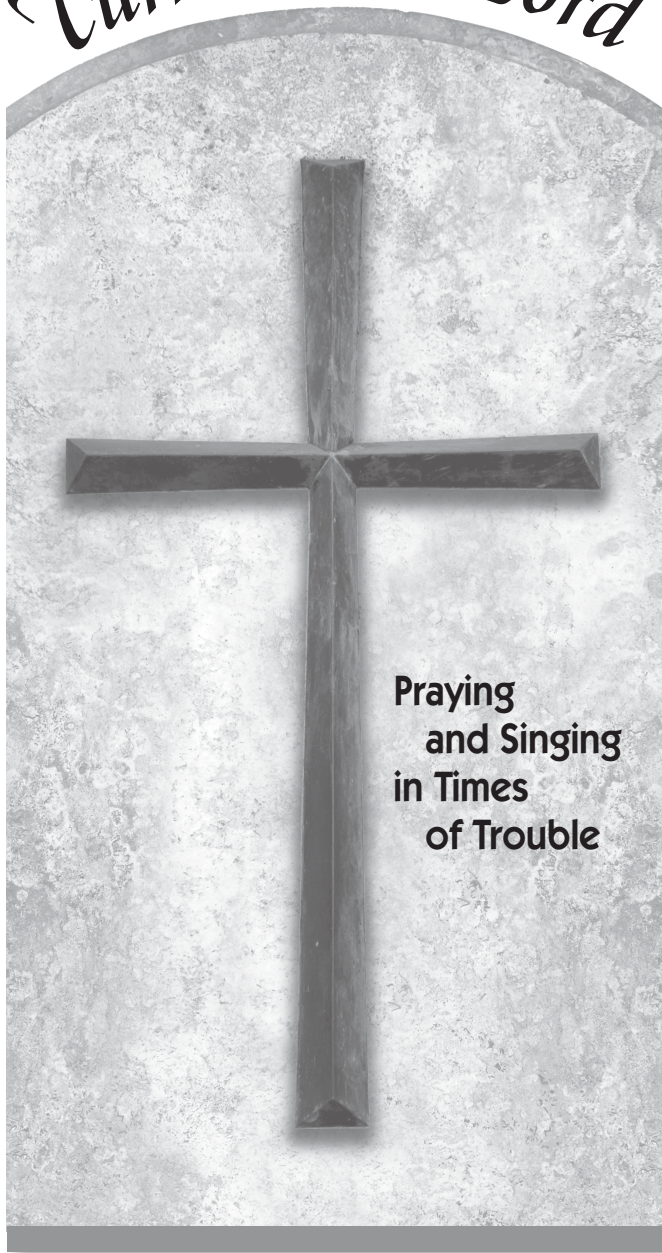


Turn to the Lord



Praying
and Singing
in Times
of Trouble



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Prayer after a Natural Disaster

(The service may begin and/or close with an appropriate song.)

• **Leader:**

In the name of the [+] Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Let us listen to the word of God.

Suggested Scripture(s)

Isaiah 45:5–7 • 1 Thessalonians 5:9–11 • John 14:27–29

Silence for reflection on the word of God.

Intercessory Prayer

• **Leader or other reader:**

For a spirit of strength, cooperation, and patience through these days of trial,
we pray to the Lord . . . *All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For all those who work to restore life, repair what is broken, and heal those
who are injured, we pray to the Lord . . .

For our brothers and sisters around the world who are also enduring ruin
or misfortune, we pray to the Lord . . .

For these prayers, and those held silently in our hearts (*pause for silent prayer*),
we pray to the Lord . . .

(All may pray the Lord's Prayer together.)

• **Leader:** Let us pray.

Be our comfort and strength, mighty God.

Help us know your presence in those around us
as we continue to do all things in your name:

[+] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Suggested Songs

All Will Be Well (Steven Warner)

Be Still and Know That I Am God (Steven Warner)

Help Me, Lord (Jerry Galipeau)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Ed Bolduc)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (Bonar/KINGSFOLD)

Lord of All Hopefulness (Struther/SLANE)

Prayer in Times of Tragedy

(The service may begin and/or close with an appropriate song.)

• **Leader:**

In the name of the [+] Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Let us listen to the word of God.

Suggested Scripture(s)

Lamentations 3:46–50 • Romans 8:14–18 • John 11:25–27

Silence for reflection on the word of God.

Intercessory Prayer

• **Leader or other reader:**

For the grace to turn to God, giver of life and source of truth,
we pray to the Lord: *All: Lord, Hear our prayer*

For the grace to be living signs of God's healing and consolation,
we pray to the Lord:

For the grace to turn human hearts away from violence and retribution,
we pray to the Lord:

For these prayers, and those we bring in silence (*Pause for silent prayer*)
to the God of heaven and earth,
we pray to the Lord:

(All may pray the Lord's Prayer together.)

• **Leader:** Let us pray.

God of infinite mercy and compassion,
Hear your people as they cry out to you.
Stay with us, sustain us, strengthen us by your name,
[+] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Suggested Songs

All Will Be Well (Steven Warner)	Lord of All Hopefulness
Canticle of Mercy (Michael Perza)	(Struther/SLANE)
God Hears Me When I Pray (Cynthia Gowens)	Peace for Our Times (Wente/O WALY WALY)
Help Me, Lord (Jerry Galipeau)	We Stand in Hope
In God's Time (M. D. Ridge)	(Nienaber/FINLANDIA)
Lead, Kindly Light (Steven Warner)	Victory Is Ours (Desmond Tutu/ Thomas Keesecker)

Prayer for Community Healing

(The service may begin and/or close with an appropriate song.)

• **Leader:**

In the name of the [+] Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Let us listen to the word of God.

Suggested Scripture(s)

Job 11:13–16 • Colossians 3:12–14 • Matthew 5:23–24

Silence for reflection on the word of God.

Intercessory Prayer

• **Leader or other reader:**

For the desire to forgive others, as we desire to be forgiven by others
and by God, we pray to the Lord: *All: Lord, hear our prayer.*

For wisdom to know that our unity with each other reveals
our unity in Christ, we pray to the Lord:

For patience to bear the wrongs done against us, to strive for
true reconciliation, we pray to the Lord:

For the prayers we speak aloud, and the prayers we hold silently
(*pause for silent prayer*), we pray to the Lord:

(All may pray the Lord's Prayer together.)

• **Leader:** Let us pray.

Hear us and heal us, loving God,
And help us know that in doing your will,
We draw closer to you and one another in your name:
[+] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Suggested Songs

Be Still and Know That I Am God
(Steven Warner)

In God's Time (M. D. Ridge)

Lead, Kindly Light (Steven Warner)

Lord of All Hopefulness
(Struther/SLANE)

Make Me a Channel
(John Angotti)

Make Us One

(James V. Marchionda, OP)

On That Holy Mountain
(Joe Mattingly)

Prayer in Times of Loss and Mourning

(The service may begin and/or close with an appropriate song.)

• **Leader:**

In the name of the [+] Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Let us listen to the word of God.

Suggested Scripture(s)

Lamentations 3:22–24 • Romans 10:9–10 • John 14:1–3

Silence for reflection on the word of God.

Intercessory Prayer

• **Leader or other reader:**

We pray for the departed, for _____, and for all
who mourn their passing, let us pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the terminally ill, for those who watch and wait with them,
let us pray to the Lord:

We pray for those who will die alone or unexpectedly, and for those who
we remember now by name (*allow time to name the deceased aloud*)
let us pray to the Lord:

We lift up all our beloved dead along with the prayers we keep in our hearts
(*pause for silent prayer*), let us pray to the Lord:

(All may pray the Lord's Prayer)

• **Leader:** Let us pray.

God of life, God of the living,

Even in this time of loss we continue our earthly journey

To the heavenly Jerusalem, where we will join in glorifying your name,

[+] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Suggested Songs

God of Love, Whose Mercies Daily
(Thompson/BEACH SPRING)

Grant Them Eternal Rest
(Tietze/LAND OF REST)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(Bonar/KINGSFOLD)

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say
(Ed Bolduc)

In God's Time (M. D. Ridge)

Lord of All Hopefulness (Struther/SLANE)

On That Holy Mountain (Joe Mattingly)

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
(Baker/ST. COLUMBA)

We Shall Walk through the Valley
in Peace (Spiritual)

Victory Is Ours (Desmond Tutu/
Thomas Keesecker)

Praying for Peace

(The service may begin and/or close with an appropriate song.)

- **Leader:**

In the name of the [+] Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, Amen.
Let us listen to the word of God.

Suggested Scripture(s)

Isaiah 32:16–18 • Philippians 4:6–7 • John 20:19–21

Silence for reflection on the word of God.

Intercessory Prayer

- **Leader or other reader:**

For hearts and lives broken by violence to be restored,

we pray to the Lord:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the healing of communities and relationships torn apart,

we pray to the Lord:

For an increase of God's reign of justice and joy, source of true peace,

we pray to the Lord:

For every prayer cried aloud to heaven, and for each prayer held in silence

(pause for silent prayer),

we pray to the Lord:

(All may pray the Lord's Prayer)

- **Leader:** Let us pray.

Send every nation your Spirit of peace, O Lord,

Create us anew as peacemakers, call us "Blessed"

And bring the world into your realm of peace, where you are named

[+] Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Suggested Songs

All Will Be Well (Steven Warner)

In God's Time (M. D. Ridge)

Lord of All Hopefulness (Struther/SLANE)

Make Me a Channel (John Angotti)

O God of Love, O King of Peace
(Baker/QUEBEC)

On That Holy Mountain

(Joe Mattingly)

Peace for Our Times

(Wente/O WALY WALY)

We Shall Walk through the Valley
in Peace (Spiritual)

Supplemental Litanies

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Litany for Those Struggling to Persevere

Response: Lord, hear our praye.

For all who feel trapped by life . . .

For all who feel their voice does not count . . .

For all who feel they are not among your chosen . . .

For all who feel that friends and family do not hear . . .

For all who know they have something to say . . .

For all who ache to speak out . . .

For all who advocate for the people they love . . .

For all who advocate for the people they have yet to meet . . .

For all who are still put down because of past decisions . . .

For all who fear facing the future alone . . .

For all who knock and ask for help and no one opens . . .

For all who cry out and no one hears . . .

For all who come to the aid of the downtrodden . . .

For all who feed those hungry for bread and justice . . .

For all who are the caring presence of divine love . . .

For all who give thanks when their trials are over . . .

**Litany for
People Experiencing Violence**

Response: Remember us, O God.

When injustice strikes down your children . . .

When hatred overwhelms conscience . . .

When violence tears apart human hearts . . .

When ignorance seems to win the day . . .

When turmoil is greater than our stamina . . .

When abusive power grows ever stronger . . .

When the innocent grieve in oppressed silence . . .

When hopelessness makes a home in us . . .

When wars and violence rage in the daylight . . .

When bitterness has a seat at our table . . .

When blame pits us against one another . . .

When selfishness makes us cowardly . . .

We will persevere in faith . . .

We will persevere in love . . .

We will persevere in wisdom . . .

We will persevere in your call to justice . . .

**Litany for
Those Who Have Been Murdered**

Response: Save us, O God.

From the brutality of murder and violence . . .

From the terror of gunshots and stabbings . . .

From the evils of war and hatred . . .

From the corruption of sin and darkness . . .

From the hardship of poverty and loss . . .

From the snares of mental illness and discrimination . . .

From the addictive power of drugs and alcohol . . .

From the arrogance of racism and greed . . .

From the desperation of pride and jealousy . . .

From the silence of apathy and neglect . . .

From the fear of isolation and hardship . . .

From the torture of broken promises and empty commitments . . .

From the web of egoism and selfishness . . .

From the outrage of revenge and retribution . . .

From the deserts of ignorance and suffering . . .

From every kind of evil . . .

**Litany for
Peace and Justice**

Response: O God, help us.

Help us give to those who ask . . .

Help us provide shelter for the weary and tired . . .

Help us protect the weak and the lonely . . .

Help us be a better people when we serve others . . .

Help us listen attentively and completely . . .

Help us love when love seems impossible . . .

Help us pay attention to all who are addicted and ill . . .

Help us remember the dignity of all people . . .

Help us heal all those wounded by wars . . .

Help us teach the children who face poverty and disaster . . .

Help us remember the eyes of the poor . . .

Help us believe you are with everyone who suffers . . .

Help us generously offer our gifts and talents . . .

Help us cling persistently to the message of peace . . .

Help us work tirelessly toward your reign of justice . . .

Help us be compassionate as you are compassionate . . .

Additional Prayers for Meditation

*From Psalms from the Heart:
Prayers for the Times and Seasons of Faith*

Marion vanderLoo

God of Promise

O God,

When doubt becomes
a hopeless fear,
Become my promise.

When solitude becomes
stark loneliness,
Become my presence.

When sorrow for sin becomes
a wrenching guilt,
Become my pardon.

When all of life becomes
too much to bear,
Become my perseverance.

O God,

O Father,

Word-made-flesh
and heavenly Dove,

Above all else,
beyond this earth,
become my all in all.

A Prayer for Light

I grope in darkness, God,
While sun shines bright
upon my face.

I wander,
hand before each shaking hand,
and step before each faltering step,
Fearful of the things
that only darkness brings.

I hum my nervous tune—
bravado over fear and
daring in distress.

But soon the sun returns,
And soon I see your face,

And darkness is no more,
And light rewards my nerve,
and I can reach in boldest hope,
and sing in fearless joy.

A Psalm of Longing

My heart beats in a void, O God,
for lack of song, for lack of joy;
A cadence without purpose save to keep
an aching heart alive.

Lyrics stolen from my lips
lie somewhere far beyond my reach;
My life, once lived in music,
is a stranger to myself.

O God, if you are there,
do you not hear
the silence of these hours?
If you are there,
are you not moved to fill this heart
with heavenly sound?

If you are, as I once thought,
Composer of my life,
Restore the sounds of joy
which once rang in my soul.
Fill up this empty chamber
in this house you once called home;

And let it ring again with music
penned by you
and sung by me,
and heard throughout your realm.

A Song of Sorrow

Where is the music, Lord?
My soul faints with dread
that it's gone—
that it's being swallowed up
by details.

Where is the joy?
My heart is heavy with fear
that it will never return.

O Merciful God, where are you
in these moments
of anger,
of frustration,
of loneliness,
of responsibility,
of paperwork
and personalities?

Am I thankless,
that I should feel life
burdensome when I spend it
making music,
while others toil at work
I couldn't do?

I'm sorry, Lord.
Have mercy on me.
Please forgive me and restore
my joy—
joy in music,
joy in praise,
joy in the privilege of leading others
into a place of
joy.

