PRAYERS FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

Lord in heaven,
please listen to all those
who are praying to you now.
Those who are sad and crying,
those who have lost friends and family.
Those who are alone
and frightened.
Help them to remember,
that you are there
and you are listening.
In Jesus' name, we pray.
Amen.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen

God, in confidence we have come before you, trusting
that you desire our well being even more than we
ourselves desire it.

Fill our hearts with your Spirit, so that when we are
faced with the difficulties and anxieties that life
brings, we may remember your eternal love, and trust
in the promise of your presence.

God, Father all-powerful, you who know our pain and
see our tears, listen to our prayer.
We believe that you will hear us in this time of
difficulty and suffering.
Help us keep the image of your Son ever before us,
and let us feel the healing calm of your embrace.
We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,

We thank you, Lord our God, for these moments of
prayer. Your word gives us hope: "Pray for and ask for
all things, believe that you have received it and it will
be yours" (Mark 11:24). We need your help more than
ever now. Grant us your consolation in the midst of
the difficult moments we are passing through, and
lead us to eternal life. We ask this through your Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever. Amen.
Bless those who mourn, eternal God, 
with the comfort of your love 
that they may face each new day with hope 
and the certainty that nothing can destroy 
the good that has been given. 
May their memories become joyful, 
their days enriched with friendship, 
and their lives encircled by your love. 
Amen.

You’re close to people whose hearts are breaking, 
those who are discouraged and have given up hope. 
May You who see their troubles and grief respond 
when they cry out. 
When they’re hurting, help them find their joy in You, 
for it’s Your joy that will be their strength. 
Help them to trust You as their God of hope. 
Fill them with Your joy, peace, and hope by the power 
of the Holy Spirit. 
Help them experience the love, joy, and peace that 
are the results of Christ’s life in them. 
May they sense Your presence in this hour of need. 
In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things 
present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor 
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to 
separate us from the love of god in Christ Jesus our lord. 
(Romans 8:37-39)

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie 
down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling 
together, and a little child shall lead them. 
The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie 
down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and 
the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder’s den. 
They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for 
the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the 
waters cover the sea. (Isaiah 11:6-9)