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Haiti in Crisis - God's Grace At Work

My God, My God, why have you forsaken us?

Why are you so far from helping us, from the words of our groaning?

O' my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer; and by night, but find no rest.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint, my heart is like wax, it is wilted within my breast.

But you, O Lord, do not be far away! You are our help, come quickly to our aid!

For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted, he did not hide his face from us, but heard when we cried out to him

**God of sea and sky, wind and wave,
the peoples of the earth call to you for healing and hope.**

We pray for those who continue to search for loved ones in the aftermath of the tsunami

for those who may never know what happened

for those who bear the memories of loved ones washed from their reach

for those who tend the injured

for those who must bury the dead,

for those who carry the responsibility of decision-making

and those who strive to rebuild homes, and communities.

Come with miracles of grace we pray.

Amen.

How Great Thou Art LBW 532

With heavy hearts and sorrowed spirits, we come to you, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.
Lift the burdens of our souls.
Lord, have mercy.

Heal the sorrows that we know.
Lord, have mercy.
Mend the hearts broken by tragedy.
Lord, have mercy.

End the suffering of the wounded.
Lord, have mercy.
Help the grieving back to wholeness.
Lord, have mercy.
Bring creation out of chaos, that all may join the angel chorus.
Lord, have mercy.

The Reading: Job1:13-21

¹³ One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴ a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵ and the Sabeans attacked and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the sky and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁷ While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and carried them off. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁸ While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's

house, ¹⁹ when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

²⁰ At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹ and said:

**“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I will depart.
The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised.”**

Psalm 90:12-17 (New International Version)

¹² Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

¹³ Relent, O LORD! How long will it be?
Have compassion on your servants.

¹⁴ Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

¹⁵ Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

¹⁶ May your deeds be shown to your servants,
your splendor to their children.

¹⁷ May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us;
establish the work of our hands for us—
yes, establish the work of our hands.

Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise LBW 526

**The Message
Moment of Silence**

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of
heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

O God, our Help in Ages Past - - LBW 320

Offering

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Responsive Prayer

**O God of mercy, look with pity upon all those who have been left homeless, bereft, in shock, in the wake of the earthquake. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

**Holy God, who fed your people in the wilderness, whose loving-kindness is everlasting, lift the burdens of all who are weary from the search for food and refresh those who are parched from thirst. Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

O Source of all consolation, comfort with the sure sense of your presence all who feel forsaken, whose hope is dried up. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, who sent your son to bring sight to the blind, hearing and healing to all who asked, open our ears to all cries of affliction, and through us provide healing and help. Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God, you ask us to cleanse our hearts, to loose the bonds of oppression, and to repair the ruins. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, that we might pour ourselves out for the victims of disaster so that they, too, will know your generous healing power. We pray this all in Jesus' name, who has also taught us to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,**

on earth as it is in heaven

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.**

Amen

Benediction

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God - - LBW 229

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(Job 38:1-4) Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: {2} "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? {3} Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. {4} "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. (NRSV)

Word List

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UNDERSTANDING	WITHOUT	SHALL	THIS	LIKE	UP
FOUNDATION	DECLARE	LOINS	THEN	LAI D	TO
WHIRLWIND	DARKENS	EARTH	THAT	HAVE	OF
KNOWLEDGE	COUNSEL	YOUR	TELL	GIRD	ME
QUESTION	WORDS	WILL	NRSV	WHO	IF
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