

## **Difficulty/Hope**

“Gracious God, let me behold the rainbow of hope  
on the dark storm clouds that brood over my life;  
and may I rest confidently on that covenant,  
ordered and sure,  
which was sealed by the precious blood of Christ.”  
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“Lord, we pray not for tranquility, nor that our tribulations may cease; we pray for your spirit and your love, that you grant us strength and grace to overcome adversity; through Jesus Christ. Amen.”

- Girolamo Savonarola

“Grant us grace, O Father, not to pass by suffering or joy without eyes to see, give us understanding and sympathy; and guard us from selfishness that we may enter into the joys and sufferings of others; use us to gladden and strengthen those who are weak and suffering; that by our lives we may help others who believe and serve you, and project light which is the light of life.”

- H.R.L. Sheppard

“Help me, O Lord, to make a true use of all disappointments and calamities in this life, in such a way that they may unite my heart more closely with you. Cause them to separate my affections from worldly things and inspire my soul with more vigor in the pursuit of true happiness.”

-Susanna Wesley

“O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to me, Your servant, that peace which the world cannot give, that my heart may be set to obey Your commandments and also that I, being defended from the fear of my enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.”

-Martin Luther

### ***For the Sick***

“Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve thy sick servants, and give thy healing power to those who minister to their needs, that those (or name or names) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence

in thy loving care; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with thee and the Holy Spirit, of God forever and ever. Amen.”

- Book of Common Prayer

“Father, I pray that Your beloved children may prosper in all things and be in good health, even as their souls prosper.”

-3 John 2

***For the Unemployed***

“Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen”

-Book of Common Prayer

***For the Aged***

“Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, increase their faith and their assurance of their love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.”

-Book of Common Prayer