

Loving God

We have focused on your words today.
Offering to you our worship in joyful celebration
But we know that there are some
Who have very different feelings at this time
We remember how your people long ago
Cried out by the waters of Babylon
How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?
Their lives overwhelmed by sudden catastrophe
Their hopes for the future crushed
Their faith in your purpose shaken.

So now we take some time to pray for those today
Who are facing sorrow or suffering
Hear us as we name them in a moment of silence to
you.

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Reach out

To all for whom life seems a burden rather than a
blessing
And help them feel the quiet calming sounds of your
love in their hearts.

We pray for all whose song is of despair
Those who are oppressed for whatever reason
Those who feel exploited
Or hungry or weak.
Help them find ways to build a life that is more than just
make do and mend.

We pray for those whose song is one of fear
Those in lands torn by war
In communities racked by violence
In homes and relationships broken by abuse
Victims of racial hatred or religious intolerance
And all whose daily safety is in doubt.

We pray for those whose songs are of grief or pain
All who have lost loved ones
Or sit with the sick and the suffering.
Reach out to them in love Lord
And reach too to those
Wrestling with chronic disease
And those who have been hurt by words or deeds
Help them to find a song of joy once more.

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We look forward to that time when every tongue will
sing your praises
And all will rejoice in your presence
Until that time
May all who find life hard
Know that your hand is upon them
And find in you the strength and the hope we need
To walk safely through the valley of tears
And the shadow of suffering
Confident that night shall give way to dawn.
Through Jesus Christ your son
Who taught us when we pray to say...

Our Father...