

# **A Prayer for Haiti**

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**O God, we have been stunned once again by an event  
Which seems so unnatural and yet is called "natural disaster."**

**We have no words to answer the "why" which we feel,  
No wisdom to explain away the unexplainable areas of life.**

**Keep us from attributing this event as a heavenly reprimand,  
Or from a certain haughtiness that tempts the distant soul.**

**Give us to be compassionate and gentle, servants to those in need.  
Remind us of your gracious love in the midst of sorrow,  
And your ability to work miracles when hope is faint.**

**We pray for those who suffer in Haiti even now  
And for those who await rescue.**

**For relatives, for the children,  
For mothers and fathers,  
Sisters and brothers,  
Grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.**

**For the survivors who question what more they might have done.  
And for those who must keep on keeping on, in spite of.**

**For the leaders,  
For those who bring aid  
And those who await news.  
Strengthen and encourage them we pray.**

**Now unto you, O God, we take the burdens of this hour and place them  
in your divine care.**

**For all you do and are doing, seen and unseen, we give thee thanks,  
Eternal God of All Creation. Amen.**

**\* Inspired by Julie Kerlin Tezoule Fleurinor**