

*Prayer in Difficult Times*

Consoling God,  
be a source of serenity for me  
when struggles and difficulties  
threaten to overwhelm me.

God of hope,  
assure me of your unconditional love  
when I doubt myself  
or question the worth of my life.

Truth-brining God,  
encourage me to embrace you  
during those times when I get lost  
in the lies of my weakness.

Compassionate God,  
hold me to your heart  
when I feel helpless  
in the face of the world's pain.

Light-filled God,  
keep me ever close to you  
during those moments  
when bleakness surrounds my life.

Comforting God,  
shelter me under your wings  
when I am engulfed in sadness  
and overcome with distress.

God of peace,  
you are the center of my life,  
a strong refuge of peace  
in the whirlwind of my pain.  
I look to you for strength  
and a constant assurance of hope.

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