

A Prayer to The compassionate God of all comfort:

(Isaiah 40:1)

"Comfort, comfort My people," says your God."

As we pray with the words of the prophet,

Lord may we draw closer to you;

even as we fear the advent of our uncertain & confusing circumstances. Lord hear us;

Three weeks, we lament! What will come of us? Yet for others Lord,

it is a lifetime of grief, of felt loss & of sorrow.

Come! Jesus our Comforter, hear our prayer;

As we pray through the words of the apostle, 3Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. (II Corinthians 1:3-4)

Lord we submit to your saving grace,
Fully believing in your power to redeem
Fallen humanity.

Favour us with your presence;

For as we pray,

Our hope is heightened,

Our focus fixed on Jesus

Our faith strengthened;

Come Lord Jesus, renew us, remake us,

That above all else,

We may not succumb to self-preservation

But yield all, to your care with the comfort

That is only from you!

Our Lord and our Redeemer;

Hear our prayer, amen.

[Revd Jongi]



A Prayer of hopeful obedience in times of affliction:

May the Mind of Christ, {our} Saviour

Live in {us} from day to day,

By His love and pow'r controlling

All {we} do and say. Kate B. Wilkinson

As we move from anxiety to questioning,

May we never be despondent or desperate,

For Christ's power is presenting,

Embracing and releasing fervent hope

Which present terrors can never dispel;

Christ Jesus is our light and will continue to shine through the
darkness of our times;

May we too, continue to be a shining light that, in spite of our own
concerns,

All the nations within this great city London, will through us, receive
more than a glimmer,

But embrace the fullness of living yet to come in the incarnate,
risen Christ, amen. [Revd Jongi]