Prayer of Lament

O God, you are our help and strength, Psalm 124:8 our refuge in the time of trouble. Psalm 37:39

In you our ancestors trusted;

They trusted and you delivered them. Psalm 22:4

When we do not know how to pray as we ought,

your very Spirit intercedes for us

with sighs too deep for words. Romans 8:26

We plead for the intercession now, Gracious One.

For desolation and destruction are in our streets, and terror dances before us. Isaiah 59:7

Job 41:22

Our hearts faint; our knees tremble;

our bodies quake; all faces grow pale. Nahum 2:10

Our eyes are spent from weeping

and our stomachs churn. Lamentations 2:11

How long, O Lord, how long Isaiah 6:11

must we endure this devastation?

How long will destruction lay waste at noonday? Psalm 91:6

Why does violence flourish

while peace is taken prisoner?

Rouse yourself! Do not cast us off in times of trouble. Psalm 44:23

Come to our help;

redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love. Psalm 44:26

For you are a gracious God

abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Exodus 34:6

By the power of the cross, 1 Corinthians 1:17

through which you redeemed the world,

bring to an end hostility Ephesians 2:14 and establish justice in the gate. Amos 5:15

For you will gather together your people into that place

where mourning and crying and pain

will be no more,

and tears will be wiped from every eye. Revelation 21:4

Hasten the day, O God for our salvation.

Accomplish it quickly! *Amen*. Isaiah 60:22

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