

HOLY AND MIGHTY LORD, who hast promised, There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling, we beseech Thee to hear our cry for those who are suffering and dying in — under the visitation of disease. Mercifully bless the means which are used to stay the spread of sickness, strengthen those who labor to heal and comfort the afflicted, support those who are in pain and distress, speedily restore those who have been brought low, and unto all who are beyond healing grant Thy heavenly consolation and Thy saving grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

DURING UNEMPLOYMENT

O GOD, who hast been the Help and Stay of Thy people in days past, turn not from them in the day of trouble and distress. Behold, many are now discouraged and disheartened because of a lack of employment. We beseech Thee, leave not Thyself without witness that Thou art their Father who doth not forget nor forsake them. Grant them faith to cast their care upon Thee, who carest for them. Preserve them from all resentment and bitterness of heart, and make them hopeful, cheerful, and courageous. Teach them to trust in Thee and to wait patiently for Thee. In Thy mercy raise up opportunity for their employment, that in peace and thankfulness they may earn and eat the bread of contentment.

Grant unto us the spirit of brotherly love and charity, and make Thy people everywhere willing to bear the burdens of their brethren who are in need. Make us mindful of Thy word, Deal thy bread to the hungry. Help us, as we therefore have opportunity, to do good unto all men and especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Make us merciful, even as Thou, our Father, art merciful for Jesus' sake.