

Keep Your Eyes on God's Love

All-wise Creator,
 loving Father,
You do not cause the many
horrendous events that plague
 our individual lives and
 our troubled race.
Death was never Your will for us.
 We separated ourselves from You,
 the only source of life.
Death is our doing,
 not Yours.

Yet for all those who trust You,
You gently, faithfully lead us through
 our worst nightmares,
 even the valley of the shadow of death (Psalm 23:4).
You are always true to Your promise:
 You work all things for good
 for those who love and trust You (Romans 8:28).
You redeem even our
 deepest griefs and
 most profound losses
to bless Your people.

But Your ways are
 more subtle,
 more nuanced,
 more intricate
than our frantic and simplistic prayers –
 “Lord, do it all, and
 do it RIGHT NOW!”
You work and wait to do everything
 in exactly the right way
 at exactly the right time.

There is no substitute for
 simply
 trusting
 You,
no matter what.

Loving Father, we gladly leave
Your work in
Your hands to happen in
Your time.

Hymn: [A Hymn for Loss and Disappointment](#)

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