

A PRAYER OF COMFORT AND HOPE



All powerful and ever-living God;
Alpha and Omega;
Source of comfort and hope:
Hear the prayers of Your disciples.

Throughout history Your people have turned to You when they were worried, afraid or uncertain, and every time You have provided reassurance. . .

After Moses died and Joshua became leader of the Israelites, You told him to be strong and courageous and to not be frightened or dismayed.

When the storm on the sea was so great that the Apostles were overcome with fear, Your Son calmed the storm and provided them with peace.

When those who knew Him best did not recognize Him walking on water and became terrified, Your Son Jesus said to them
“Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Today, once again, Your people are suffering.

Uncertainty is prevalent. Fear is pervasive.
Anxiety persists.

Calm our fears. Quiet our doubts. Comfort our pain. Protect us from all worry and anxiety.

Help us to remember that You have promised to be with us always until the end of days, and to live as a people trusting in that covenant.

St. Joseph, patron saint of all workers and St. Cajetan, patron saint of all job seekers, intercede on behalf of all those for whom this prayer is offered.

Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Archbishop Timothy Dolan

