

Transforming tragedy



Most loving God,
in this cynical world help your people
to prove the hopefulness of existence
by turning negative situations into positive ones:
When we are weak, then we are strong.

Help us to transform
disappointment into new courage
and pain into greater caring and sharing:
When we are weak, then we are strong.

Help us to take from this bushfire tragedy
an increased sensitivity toward all who suffer or grieve,
and help us to treasure our neighbours all the more:
When we are weak, then we are strong.

Help us all to use reproach for honest self-assessment,
and unfairness for better understanding
of those who are treated unfairly:
When we are weak, then we are strong.

Help those in the midst of loss to use their dismay
to discover themselves and their true destiny:
When we are weak, then we are strong.

Help each of us here
to receive your word even though prayers seem unanswered,
and to hear your call in difficult times:
We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength.