



# A Prayer by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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At times of disaster and crisis, it can sometimes be difficult to find the right words to pray. Many Christians find it helpful to use prayers that have been created and prayed by others. This prayer from Pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, written in jail, has helped many Christians in their prayer in times of crisis.

*'In me there is darkness,  
But with You there is light;  
I am lonely, but You do not leave me;  
I am feeble in heart, but with You there is help;  
I am restless, but with You there is peace.  
In me there is bitterness, but with You there is patience;  
I do not understand Your ways,  
But You know the way for me.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
You were poor  
And in distress, a captive and forsaken as I am.  
You know all man's troubles;  
You abide with me  
When all men fail me;  
It is Your will that I should know You  
And turn to You.  
Lord, I hear Your call and follow;  
Help me.'*

