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Whatever the connection, it is important to know that a loss has taken its toll on many. And it will take many to help those deeply impacted, recover. Let them know they are not alone.

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a very present help in trouble.  
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though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
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**One:** O God of mercy and God of grace, strengthen us during this time of turmoil, loss, and grief. Help us to lean on you. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Help us to provide a helping hand to all who need it. Help us to lend our hearts to the broken hearted.

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