



*“Compassionate Jesus”
sculpture on the grounds of the
Servants of Mary, Omaha*

In Difficult Times

*Consoling God,
be a source of serenity for me
when struggles and difficulties
threaten to overwhelm me.*

*God of hope,
assure me of your unconditional love
when I doubt myself
or question the worth of my life.*

*Truth-bringing God,
encourage me to embrace you
during those times when I get lost
in the lies of my weakness.*

*Compassionate God,
hold me to your heart
when I feel helpless
in the face of the world's pain.*

*Light-filled God,
keep me ever close to you
during those moments
when bleakness surrounds my life.*

*Comforting God,
shelter me under your wings
when I am engulfed in sadness
and overcome with distress.*

*God of peace,
you are the center of my life,
a strong refuge of peace
in the whirlwind of my pain.
I look to you for strength
and a constant assurance of hope.*

*poem from Out of the Ordinary
by Sr. Joyce Rupp*