

## IN THE MIDST OF HUMAN SUFF'RING

(For Lent, & In Memory of Victims - 9/11/01 & Hurricane Katrina 8/30/05)

*"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us." Romans 8:18*

In the midst of human suff'ring,  
in the face of fear and dread,  
comes a Presence bringing comfort,  
letting hope prevail instead.

Windswept flood or hate-filled carnage,  
nature's fury, human sin,  
call us all to Christ-like service,  
reaching those found trapped within.

When the smoke of mass confusion,  
or the waves of doubt appear,  
when we're trapped by sin's delusion,  
still take heart, for God is near.

Knowing human pain and suff'ring,  
Jesus Christ, the Crucified,  
offers us a deeper healing--  
life restored through Him who died.

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