

## **A Prayer for Caregivers in the Time of Infant Loss**

Loving God, Father and Mother of us all,  
We praise you for making us your own dear children  
and for calling us into the wonderful work of creation  
where men and women bring families to birth  
in their own flesh and blood and spirit.

In giving birth we are called ever more into life.  
May our daily work in our hospital  
also be a work of life.

Especially at this time we are plunged into that mystery  
of life and death, birth and resurrection.

And so today we dedicate our work to you,  
in the name of Rachel and Jacob weeping for their children,  
of Mary weeping for the death of her only son,  
in the name of all parents whose children have been lost  
from our daily lives and borne to you.

We ask that in the face of loss, pain, and grief,  
we may more clearly do your work and be your people  
who bring your life and your compassion to others.

We pray for all these things, Loving God,  
with trust in your presence and hope in your promises.

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