

Worship References

1. Stilling the Storm – Worship and Congregational Leadership in Difficult Times by Kathleen S. Smith, Alban Institute, 2006.

Smith explores the wide range of liturgical resources available for congregations going through difficult times and how those resources can best be shaped to fit the specific situation they are experiencing.

2. Through the Valley...: Prayers for Violent Times by Margaret Ann Huffman, Judson Press, 1996.

Encompassing a wide range of emotions and situations in her prayers, Huffman dialogues with God who is a powerful resource in healing, restoring, and equipping us for going through and beyond violation. By talking with God we discover that, yes, we can live in vigorous hope that God fortifies us for living in violent times and redeems even the most vile acts against body, mind, and soul.

3. Psalms of Lament by Ann Weems, Westminster John Knox Press, 1999.

Ann Weems offers in this collection a poignant rendering of her own personal psalms of lament. She draws from the rich heritage of the Psalms to give voice to the grief and anguish she has felt over the death of her son. Her words, now in this easy-to-read large-print edition, will deeply move anyone who has mourned the loss of a loved one.

4. Night Visions: Searching the Shadows of Advent and Christmas by Jan Richardson, United Church Press, 1998.

A devotional guide for those awaiting the birth of hope. Leads spiritual travelers on a journey through the Christmas season, ushering quiet moments of introspection into a time that is often rushed and hurried.

Hymns

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| 1. Servant Song | Richard Gillard |
| 2. God, You Spin The Whirling Planets | Jane Parker Huber |
| 3. Amazing Grace | John Newton |
| 4. Our God Our Help in Ages Past | Isaac Watts |
| 5. Now Thank We All Our God | Martin Rinkart |
| 6. Sanctuary | J. Thompson & R. Scruggs |