

*A Prayer written and offered by George Barton (aged 12) at St Ninian's
Uniting Church, Karori, Wellington on Sunday 4 October 2009 for people in
Samoa, including the members of his wider family who live there, and who had
been affected by the earthquake and tsunami on 30 September 2009.*

A Survivor's Prayer

Lord, let me pray for the little boy who gives his last breath,
Let me pray for the lady who suffers death yet still goes on to find her family,
For the man that still finds strength to help,
For the baby that breathes its last breath, not one touch of life.

Lord, let me pray for the single man who walks alone,
For the crying of the little girl as she lets her mother go.
Lord, let me pray for the survivors' families, who die alone,
For the people of Samoa, who continue to live, scarred and bruised?

Scarred, bruised and battered down are the people,
Let them continue to see the light, to stand
So that they once more; may live your world.

Let it be that the weakest man, be strong and brave,
And that the most vulnerable, be strong and stand.
That the cries of the homeless girl,
And the mourning of the little boy,
Be settled with your touch.

Let the once vibrant tropical island stand,
Amongst the debris of the sea,
That defenceless be the people of Samoa,
Stand strong towards the raging waves.

Father, I pray that you give me the power to use your hands to spread good will,
To help those in need, to heal the scarred hearts and the bruised lives of all the
survivors and I pray dear Lord, that this prayer,
so small and powerless be the source of healing at this time. Amen.

Shared with others with George's kind permission.

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