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Banking on prayer

(I wrote this reflection following a family emergency that almost became a tragedy)

When all else fails
People will pray;
In an emergency
prayer support
comes easily
but why?
Is prayer the bank of last resort –
to use in desperation
with glum anticipation
of a high interest charge
on repayment?

Why not make prayer
our savings bank -
always available
when it's needed?
Why not
Store prayers in the bank that won't fail?
Let's concentrate our forces
On spiritual resources
that will help us get through
in the hard times?

We could make prayer
our main account –
pay in continually,
draw out any time;
Trusty standby –
No charge –
Sign up for free banking for life.
Make it a daily habit
to make a fresh investment...
It's a much surer place
To store treasure.