

**A PRAYER IN SEPTEMBER 2008**

*drawn from Psalm 46*

ALL: God is for us refuge and strength,  
One Voice: *God IS,*  
ALL: ***FOR us.***  
One Voice: ***For us, not against us.***  
ALL: *For us, all of us, all the chorus of “we’s”  
borne on the breath of the Divine,*  
One Voice: God is for us refuge and strength,  
ALL: An ever-present help in time of trouble.  
One Voice: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should crumble,  
ALL: Though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;  
One Voice: Though its waters roar and foam,  
ALL: And the mountains tremble with the deluge.  
One Voice: *Though we lose our homes through hurricane or tidal wave,  
or the economy’s storm surge, or the upheavals of war,*  
ALL: *Though our hearts quake and our health weakens and our loved ones  
slip beyond our grasp.*  
One Voice: There are streams from the river of life that bring joy to the city of God,  
the holy habitation of justice and peace.  
ALL: *Help us to build up that holy city, whose foundation is abundance,  
whose vision is shalom.*  
One Voice: The nations are in an uproar,  
ALL: *Grant wisdom and compassion, integrity and insight to all who rule.*  
One Voice: Governments totter;  
ALL: *Fill all who govern with the ability and desire  
to provide for the well-being of the people,*  
One Voice: *All the people.*  
ALL: God is for us refuge and strength,  
One Voice: An ever-present help in time of trouble.  
ALL: The Almighty is with us;  
One Voice: The God Who keeps covenant is our security.