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Come unto me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28-30

This is the saying of Jesus which came to me over and over when we were in Egypt two months ago. Though the people are cautiously hopeful about their new future since their overthrow of the Mubarak government, they are also tired. And many are poor.

Sometimes I see God as Great Creator, sometimes the God of mystery beyond our knowing. But in Egypt I saw God who loves the vulnerable, the weak, the meek – and who gives hope even against the strongest odds. This is God for all of us, isn't it? When I prayed with a peasant man and held his rough hands, I thought of our savior born to peasant parents. And again I love this God. Please pray with me for the vulnerable people of Egypt.

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