## Love and prayer

To live fully, love wastefully and to be all that God intends me to be. John Shelby Spong

*Prayer is properly not petition, but simply an attention to God which is a form of love.* Iris Murdoch

Prayer and love are learned in the hour when prayer has become impossible and your heart has turned to stone. Thomas Merton

When the going gets tough -

when we face a crisis or an illness

or we are in a rut or struggling to keep our heads above water -

when God remains silent or distant:

this is the time to stay, to be patient, to do the ordinary things of the day, to find a little space for yourself (to breathe a little more freely) - to live in and through this time.

Love's nature is always to communicate - and even amongst these rocks to believe love is speaking to us, holding us, beholding us.

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