A Prayer of Hope
Below is an excerpt prayed by Richard Allen (1787-1830), the founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. It is good to remember the prayers of our ancestors so we can know that God is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

“O, MY God! In all my dangers, temporal and spiritual, I will hope in thee who art Almighty power, and therefore able to relieve me; who art infinite goodness, and therefore ready and willing to assist me.
O, precious blood of my dear Redeemer! O, gaping wounds of my crucified Savior! Who can contemplate the sufferings of God incarnate, and not raise his hope, and not put his trust in Him?
What, though my body be crumbled into dust, and that dust blown over the face of the earth, yet I undoubtedly know my Redeemer lives, and shall raise me up at the last day; whether I am comforted or left desolate; whether I enjoy peace or am afflicted with temptations; whether I am healthy or sickly, succored or abandoned by the good things of this life, I will always hope in thee, O my chiefest, infinite good.
Blessed hope! Be thou my chief delight in life, and then I shall be steadfast and immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; be thou my comfort and support at the hour of death, and then I shall contentedly leave this world, as a captive that is released from imprisonment.” Amen.

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