

Feeling Desperate

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I lost my full time job. I am working only part-time now, and in the place where I work it is not possible to get more hours. I have been looking for work, but I have not had any luck.

Most workplaces have been losing money and have started to cut people. My sister-in-law was working for about 20 years in the same company, and she got laid off last month. Now she is depressed because her husband got laid off, too. Everything is harder because so many people are applying for every job. If a company has ten job openings, there are at least 200 people making a long line to apply.

I'm starting to feel desperate with this situation because I am a very independent woman. We are getting too tight with our budget. We have to

pay our rent, and food and utilities are so expensive. It is incredible how the economy is affecting everybody in my family and in the entire world. This is the most terrible thing that is happening today.

We hope to have relief from this bad economic situation. I want everybody who has suffered, who has lost their job or become homeless, to recover their smile for life again. We only have two things to do: pray and don't surrender.



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