

I've received many encouraging replies to my updates and a few of them have raised the question - Why does God allow good people to suffer? I surely am not qualified to answer that question. What I do know when I look at a crucifix, is the reminder that God Allowed His son to suffer and die for the sins of mankind so that we could be redeemed and one day be with Him in Paradise. Through our faith, we express our belief in one God, the Father almighty. Perhaps through suffering we are brought closer to God. We pray more for each other and perhaps we find ourselves being a bit more forgiving or more focused on our love for one another and for God. That is a good thing. Through this current fight and knowing the short time we have to work with it, there are times of overwhelming terrifying desperation that even the anxiety pills can't prevent. It is at those times I cry out to the Lord to comfort me, to calm my fears, to place His loving arms around me and give me the peace that only He can provide. Usually within a minute or two, I come to a peaceful rest. That tells me that God hears us and is right there to comfort us. I tell Him that I love Him, I believe in Him and I trust in His goodness and Mercy. I'm sure this is true for many of you who have been in the same place. As I've said before, perhaps He allows us to suffer to be able to witness the goodness of those around us. It opens our eyes to the kind acts of so many people. You are those people and we have been blessed over and over by your prayers and support.