



WHY DO PEOPLE SUFFER? CAN I HELP?



#51 IF GOD IS ALL-KNOWING AND ALL-POWERFUL, WHY DOES HE NOT PREVENT EVIL? "God allows evil only so as to make something better result from it" (St. Thomas Aquinas). Evil in the world is an obscure and painful mystery. Much about it is incomprehensible. One thing, though, we know for sure: God is 100 percent good. He can never be the originator of something evil. Christ's death and Resurrection show us that evil did not have the first word, nor does it have the last.

#66 WAS IT PART OF GOD'S PLAN FOR MEN TO SUFFER AND DIE? God does not want men to suffer and die. God's original idea for man was paradise: life forever and peace between God and man and their environment, between man and woman. Because sin crept in, Adam and Eve had to leave paradise, in which they were in harmony with each other and with God. The toil of work, suffering, mortality, and the temptation to sin are signs of this loss of paradise.

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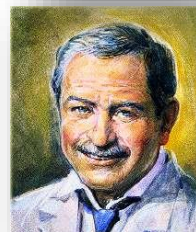
ST MARIANNE COPE

St Marianne Cope is a heroic example of what it means to follow Christ's footsteps in caring for the sick and suffering by the way she cared for the lepers in Hawaii. She did not let fear or any other excuses stop her from showing the lepers God's love for them.



BLESSED ARTEMIDE ZATTI

Blessed Artemide Zatti worked in the medical profession in one way or another his whole life. He dealt with people who suffered and were sick each and every day. He followed God's inspiration and dedicated his life to try to alleviate the suffering of people and experience the closeness of God in their trials.



GOSPEL



ANSWERS

SO THEY SAID TO HIM, "SO HOW WERE YOUR EYES OPENED?" HE REPLIED, "THE MAN CALLED JESUS MADE CLAY AND ANOINTED MY EYES AND TOLD ME, 'GO TO SILOAM AND WASH.' SO I WENT THERE AND WASHED AND WAS ABLE TO SEE." - JOHN 9: 1-41

ANSWER IN YOUR OWN WORDS: