

**Prayer by William Barclay
Disability Awareness Sunday**

O God,
The trouble about being deaf is
That most people find deaf folks a nuisance.
They sympathize with
People who are blind and lame;
But they get irritated and
Annoyed with people who are deaf.
And the result of this is that
Deaf people are apt to avoid company.
And get more and more lonely.
And more and more shut in.

Give me
Perseverance not to let this trouble get me down.
Don't let it cut me off from others.

And help me to remember, Lord,
Whatever happens,
Nothing can stop me from hearing Your voice.

(Consider how this prayer speaks for those who are losing their hearing due to age or illness and the isolation they experience.)