

## Anguish

"Later, she heard someone walking on top of the wreckage above her, and anguished voices spoke up, evidently from within the mess around her: "Please help!"

Be extremely distressed about something.

## Apathetic

"Father Kleinsorge, already growing apathetic and dazed in the presence of the cumulative distress, said, "We haven't much time."

Showing or feeling no interest, enthusiasm, or concern.

## Atavistic

"All day, people poured into Asano Park... partly (according to some who were there) because of an irresistible, atavistic urge to hide under leaves."

Relating to or characterized by reversion to something ancient or ancestral.

## Breviary

"Father Kleinsorge later came to regard this as a bit of Providential interference, inasmuch as the suitcase contained his breviary..."

A book containing prayers and hymns, to be recited by those in the Roman Catholic Church.

## Cache

"So Mrs. Nakamura started out for Asano Park with her children and Mrs. Hataya, and she carried... a suitcase of things she had cached in her air-raid shelter."

Store away in hiding or for future use.

## Catechist

"The daughter of Mr. Hoshijima, the mission catechist, ran up to Father Kleinsorge and said that her mother and sister were buried under the ruins of their house..."

A teacher of the principles of Christian religion, especially one using a catechism.

## Char

"Here the trees were bare and their trunks were charred."

Partially burn (an object) so as to blacken its surface.

## Conflagration

"(Most of Hiroshima's citywide conflagration was caused by inflammable wreckage falling on cookstoves and live wires)..."

An extensive fire which destroys a great deal of land or property.

## Convection

“But the drops were palpably water... and suddenly—probably because of the tremendous convection set up by the blazing city—a whirlwind ripped through the park.”

The transfer of heat by the circulation or movement of the heated parts of a liquid or gas.

## Diminish

“Father Kleinsorge bound more bandage around Father Schiffer’s head... and settled him so that his head was high, and soon the bleeding diminished.”

Make or become less.

## Extricate

“Dr. Fujii went... under the bridge, where... people had already taken refuge, among them his servants, who had extricated themselves from the wreckage.”

Free (someone or something) from a constraint or difficulty.

## Fission

“(They were actually drops of condensed moisture falling from the turbulent tower of dust, heat, and fission fragments that had already risen miles into the sky...”

The action of dividing or splitting something into two or more parts.

## Incapacitated

“The majority of the physicians and surgeons of Hiroshima—with their... own bodies incapacitated... explained why... so many who might have lived died.”

Deprived of strength or power; debilitated.

## Ionization

“They all thought (probably because of the... ionization, an ‘electric smell’ given off by the bomb’s fission) that they were sick from a gas the Americans had dropped.”

The act or process of ionizing something: conversion of a substance into ions.

## Maim

“Wounded people supported maimed people; disfigured families leaned together.”

Wound or injure (someone) so that part of the body is permanently damaged.

## Miasma

“Not just a patch of Koi, as he had expected, but as much of Hiroshima as he could see through the clouded air was giving off a thick, dreadful miasma.”

A highly unpleasant or unhealthy smell or vapor.

## **Nauseate**

“They all felt terribly thirsty, and they drank from the river. At once they were nauseated and began vomiting, and they retched the whole day.”

Make (someone) feel sick; affect with nausea.

## **Panorama**

“From the mound, Mr. Tanimoto saw an astonishing panorama.”

An unbroken view of the whole region surrounding an observer.

## **Paroxysm**

“In a paroxysm of terrified strength, he freed himself and ran down the alleys of Nobori-cho, hemmed in by the fire he had said would never come.”

A sudden attack or violent expression of a particular emotion or activity.

## **Phenomenon**

“To Father Kleinsorge,... the silence in the grove by the river, where hundreds of gruesomely wounded suffered together, was one of the most dreadful... phenomena...”

A fact, occurrence, or circumstance observed or observable.

## **Prostrate**

“When Father Kleinsorge and the other priests came into the park, nodding to their friends as they passed, the Nakamuras were all sick and prostrate.”

Lying stretched out on the ground with one's face downward.

## **Solicitous**

“He took the woman to a grammar school... designated for use as a temporary hospital... By this solicitous behavior, Mr. Tanimoto at once got rid of his terror.”

Characterized by or showing interest or concern.

## **Tableau**

“Soon he found a good-sized pleasure punt drawn up on the bank, but in and around it was an awful tableau—five dead men, nearly naked, badly burned...”

A group of models or motionless figures representing a scene from a story or from history.

## **Vortex**

“The vortex moved out onto the river, where it sucked up a waterspout and eventually spent itself.”

A mass of whirling fluid or air, especially a whirlpool or whirlwind.