Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

A Time for Everything

3 There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every [a]event under heaven—

2 A time to give birth and a time to die;
   A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.
3 A time to kill and a time to heal;
   A time to tear down and a time to build up.
4 A time to weep and a time to laugh;
   A time to mourn and a time to dance.
5 A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
   A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.
6 A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
   A time to keep and a time to throw away.
7 A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
   A time to be silent and a time to speak.
8 A time to love and a time to hate;
   A time for war and a time for peace.

Scripture: Psalm 127 The Message (MSG)

A Pilgrim Song of Solomon

127 1-2 If GOD doesn’t build the house,
   the builders only build shacks.
If GOD doesn’t guard the city,
   the night watchman might as well nap.
It’s useless to rise early and go to bed late,
   and work your worried fingers to the bone.
Don’t you know he enjoys
giving rest to those he loves?

3-5 Don’t you see that children are GOD’s best gift?
the fruit of the womb his generous legacy?
Like a warrior’s fistful of arrows
are the children of a vigorous youth.
Oh, how blessed are you parents,
with your quivers full of children!
Your enemies don’t stand a chance against you;
you’ll sweep them right off your doorstep.