

Congregational Prayer – We Pray

God our mother, we bring all of our prayers to you today:
the prayers that have names, and the prayers that are sighs too deep for words.

For those whose prayer is gratitude today,
we pray it deep and wide.

For those whose prayer is joy today,
we pray it bright and colourful.

For those whose prayer is wonder today,
we pray it mysterious and surprising.

For those whose prayer is uncertainty or unclarity today,
we pray it into the constancy of your heart.

For those whose prayer is healing today,
we pray it into the comfort and miracle of your hands.

For those whose prayer is sorrow today,
we pray it surrounded by love and abounding in gentleness.

For those whose prayer is anger today,
we pray it into your steadfastness and unending patience.

For those whose prayer is contrition today,
we pray it into showers of your mercy and new beginnings.

For those whose prayer is re-making, rekindling, reconciling today,
we pray it integrated and whole.

For those whose prayer is release today,
we pray it full of your grace and peace.

For those whose prayer has no such name today,
we pray it to you to hold.

We pray each other's prayers even when we do not know them,
even if we do not understand or share them,
because we trust you to enfold them,
to sort the wheat from the chaff,
to do what needs doing,
and to love what needs loving
within us, among us, and throughout your beloved world.

We pass these prayers from our weak and imperfect hands
into your strong, sure, and ancient ones,
and pray them all into the resurrection power of Christ. Amen

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