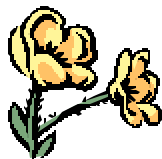


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Response:
*Spirit of Hope,
come to sustain us
Spirit of Christ,
lift up our hearts.*

Our progress is slow. At first we expect great things ...and then we learn to appreciate small steps forward. **Response.**

Difficulties and adversity make our work feel frustrating. But trusting in You, we want be part of the struggle. **Response.**

There is no blueprint, no neat solution ...yet in the messiness, we learn to see Your hand. **Response.**

It's complicated when people are so different in their approaches. We need to trust each other when conflict surfaces. **Response.**

In the pain of failure, Jesus touches our hearts. He whose dying was the seed of new life inspires us to envision new beginnings. **Response.**

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Prayers for Parish Groups*



CONCLUDING PRAYER

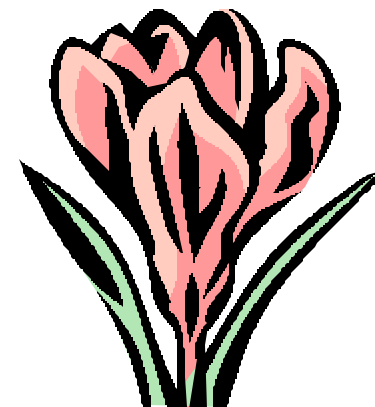
Loving God,
We walk down from the hills,
Renewed by our prayer time with Jesus
We walk into the traffic of everyday life
But we walk in thanksgiving that
You have been with us;
We walk in trust,
That God is with us now;
We walk in hope,
That God's Spirit will always be with us to
guide us.

May we leave our worship with the blessings
of God and each other upon us.
All: Amen.



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WE WALK IN HOPE



*"We walk in trust,
that God is with us now;
We walk in hope,
that God will always be
with us...."*

-Anon.

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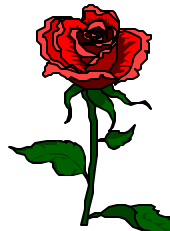
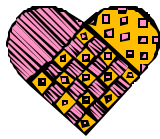


INTRODUCTION

We lay aside all worldly cares to climb up a hillside on the shores of the Sea of Galilee to pray with Jesus awhile. We leave below the strains and stresses of our home life and our work life to gain perspective -- to renew our vision. The problems that bother us have to be understood against a background of goodness. Sometimes we lose sight of the goodness of life because of these problems. And so we go up that hillside to walk and pray with Jesus to gain perspective.

PRAYER: THE VISION OF GOD

Reader 1: Lord, my vision is dull,
Lord, my heart is weary,
my will is weak;
Open my eyes to Your glory,
Renew my heart with Your love,
Strengthen my will with Your purpose
and make me aware of You,
You indwelling,
You abiding.
You are in this place,
All things reside in You.



You are great, the Mighty One
You are the Most High,
You are the Creator,
Maker of heaven and earth.
You sustain all,
You love all,
You enfold all,
Lord God, Holy One.

Reader 2: You are our peace,
You are our joy,
You are our hope,
You are our light,
You are our life,
You are our eternal future.
Holy God,
Holy and strong One,
You are found in our midst,
With us now
And for evermore.

--David Adam

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4: 6-10

It is the God who said, 'Let light out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does



not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

READING: HOPE

Even at the gates of hell,
Believe in redemption.
Let my grace and power work,
Where you have none.
It is only for you
to believe and to trust.
Be confident.
Trust.
Love.
Do not condemn.
Believe,
in the face of unbelief
Hope against hope.
This is faith.
This is the gift most needed
for those who have suffered
so deeply, and lost all.
You must manifest love and hope.
It is only then
that my people will begin to
believe in themselves.



--Edwina Gately