

A Prayer for Hope

Gracious Lord and blessed Redeemer,
as we spend this moment with you before your throne of grace,
deliver us from the troubles which beset us
and the trials which torment us.

We pray for the encouragement of your loving kindness
and the strength of your empowering Spirit.

Help us put ourselves and those we love in your hands
with such trusting confidence
that we will have patience, and courage, and hope.

In your loving-kindness, forgive us the sin
which separates us from your perfect will.

Purify our hearts so that we will make your will our own
and seek every day to live in the footsteps of Jesus
who leads us in the ways of love.

And make our hearts so open to your presence
that our spirits will rejoice in worship
and our minds will hunger for truth
and our hearts will swell with love
and our lives will be devoted to your service.

Amen.