



THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on Earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever.*

Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We believe
that hope can change the world.*

*We believe
that God uses ordinary people,
for extraordinary good.*

*We know that life
has fears and worries
But we choose hope anyway.*

*We hope together.
We hope with God.*

*This is our song.
Amen.*

LITURGY FOR THE CANDLE OF HOPE

One: How does a weary world rejoice?

All: *We sing songs of hope.
We allow hope to change us, to strengthen us.
We tell the stories of what could be.
We listen for God's word.
We resist the temptation to give up or give in.
We remember Mary's song.
We gather for worship.*

One: We hope.

All: *We hope.*

One: Against all odds, we hope.
How does a weary world hope?

All: *By lighting candles in the night
and planting seeds in the winter that
will bloom in the spring.*

One: By praying for children as they grow,
and picking up trash on the sidewalk.

All: *By insisting that small acts
can make a difference.*

One: There are a million ways to practice hope.
So today we light the candle of hope
as a reminder and a charge.

All: *With God's help, may we bring hope
into a weary world. Amen.*

One: Let us worship our loving God.