

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

Today is the day
God brings good news to the poor,
proclaims release to the captives,
gives sight to the blind,
and sets the oppressed free.
And so shall we.

Amen.

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One: God in the Spirit revealed in Jesus Christ,

calls us by grace

All: to be renewed in the image of our Creator,

that we may be one in divine love for the world.

One: Today is the day

God cares for the integrity of creation, wills the healing and wholeness of all life, weeps at the plunder of earth's goodness.

All: And so shall we.

One: Today is the day

God embraces all hues of humanity, delights in diversity and difference,

favors solidarity transforming strangers into friends.

All: And so shall we.

One: Today is the day

God cries with the masses of starving people, despises growing disparity between rich and poor, demands justice for workers in the marketplace.

All: And so shall we.

One: Today is the day

God deplores violence in our homes and streets,

rebukes the world's warring madness,

humbles the powerful and lifts up the lowly.

All: And so shall we.

One: Today is the day

God calls for nations and peoples to live in peace, celebrates where justice and mercy embrace, exults when the wolf grazes with the lamb.

All: And so shall we.

All: Today is the day

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