

Blessed God, creator of all, you made us in your image. Open our eyes to see you more clearly in the beauty of diversity and the breadth of humanity. Heal the divisions that keep us from embracing your presence in all whom we meet.

Lead us along the path of racial reconciliation and fulfill beloved community among us.

Merciful God, lover of justice, you hear the cries of the injured and oppressed. Guide us by your wisdom and lead us with your passion to work for a just society and peace on earth.

Give us courage to seek the truth, understand what is right and uphold what is good.

Caring God, you reveal yourself to us in community of persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You gather us in community to experience this grace in fellowship with each other and you. Sustain us as we learn to love one another as you have loved us.

Grant us patience, understanding and clarity as we seek to be your church in the world.

Gracious God, generous in spirit, you invite us to work with you in your mission to restore the vision of your heavenly kingdom. We give thanks for the trust you have given us; we trust in you to be with us in this work.

May we be blessed through the same spirit to partner with others to see this Kingdom come.

Nurturing God, you give us so many gifts: memory, reason, emotions, skills, talents, resources, relationships, physical abilities, faith, hope, love (name other gifts _____), and you invite us to grow in these gifts and to share them with others.

Teach us to use our gifts wisely and justly, with love and compassion, and for your glory.

Creative God, whose blessing pours out into the cosmos, you fill the earth with an abundance of life. You call us to faithfully care for creation, the very nature which sustains our life. We lament the ways we have not done so.

Inspire us to see our connection with all of creation and to care for it as we do for ourselves.

*Most gracious and loving God:
Strengthen the hearts of your people in this diocese
That loving you with our whole heart,
And loving our neighbors as ourselves,
We might, in the power of the Spirit,
Obey the call of Jesus,
To go into our world as disciples
Making disciples,
And making a difference
Through your saving love. Amen.*