

A Prayer for Beloved Belonging

Ever Present God,

We are Your beloved children created in and through Your love. You who made us to be all part of one body -- we are blessed in our belonging to one another.

May You find us now in all of our talents and all of our imperfections so that we may see our holy wholeness through knowing and loving ourselves as You know and love each of us.

Bring to our experience a sense of awe for life and for ourselves, so that we can keep opening up to the fullness of who You created us to be.

Show us how compassion for ourselves and others are the roots of courage and resilience. Keep us ever aware of the truth that you made us with hearts yearning to love.

We give thanks for all the ordinary and extraordinary ways our life demonstrates our beloved belonging. How we may have our grandfather's eyes or mother's laugh. How our unique gifts and talents allow us to shine your light in the world.

May we know and trust our gifts and talents evermore through Your tenderness. Remind us again and again that the stunning light of our souls is made of Your love.

When we hurt, grant us patience and trust to seek healing through You. For every frustration and mistake, may we uncover the strength to lean in and listen for Your presence rather than turn away.

Through this deeper connection to You and to ourselves, may we reach out and touch the life, joy and pain of those around us, with greater compassion and grace.

May we be the one who pulls others into our love. May we be the ones who gladly shine Your light for all the world to glow.

Bless all of us here, and all the world over, in Your beloved family.

Amen