

God of love, you are the vinegrower  
who lives in each and every one of us.

Help us to prune our lives and  
ministries, so that you can place us  
where we can bring you the best  
new growth and fruit,  
and so grow the true vine  
of your Son, our Saviour.  
This we ask in the power of the  
Holy Spirit. Alleluia. Amen.

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God of glory,  
you gave the vision of your Son  
to those who watched on the mountain;  
grant that by our glimpses of him  
we may be changed into  
his glorious likeness;  
for he is alive and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit,  
one God for ever. Amen.

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God in heaven, your glory shines  
through Jesus, your Son.  
Give me a heart which shines  
with Jesus' love,  
so that people can see you  
at work through me  
and so be drawn closer to you.  
This I ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Saviour of this world, when you were  
stretched out upon a Cross  
the elements erupted and  
the earth gave up its dead;  
your blood, spilled on the soil,  
transfigured earth and heaven:

Transfigure this earth:  
may peace reign upon it.  
Transfigure this earth:  
may faith grow on it.  
Transfigure this earth:  
may friendship thrive on it.  
Transfigure this earth:  
may flowers bloom on it.  
Transfigure this earth:  
may scarred places be healed on it.  
Transfigure this earth:  
may our bodies be resurrected on it.

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Lord, you understand me,  
you know my every thought,  
my brain is not a mystery to you.  
Enter into my mind, Lord,  
guide and direct my thoughts.  
Be before me when I speak,  
be beside me when I act,  
be within me when I listen,  
that I might possess  
the wisdom born of love,  
for you are love,  
the love which understands  
everything.

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### Prayers for Times of Change



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As Columba laid down his books  
and the security of a monastery  
so we lay down what is past  
and look to the future.

As Aidan and Cuthbert let go  
and travelled hopefully on  
so we let go hurt and pain  
and travel with hope.

As Hilda changed direction  
and relinquished cherished plans  
so we leave behind familiar paths  
and take new steps into the unknown.

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God beyond borders, we bless you for  
strange places and different dreams  
for the demands and diversity  
of a wider world  
for the distance that lets us look  
back and re-evaluate  
for new ground where broken stems  
can take root, grow and blossom.  
We bless you for the friendship  
of strangers  
the richness of other cultures  
and the painful gift of freedom.  
Blessed are you, God beyond borders.

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God of our lives  
you are always calling us  
to follow you into the future,  
inviting us to new ventures,  
new challenges, new ways to care,  
new ways to touch the hearts of all.

When we are fearful of the unknown,  
give us courage.

When we worry that we are not  
up to the task,  
remind us that you would not call us  
if you did not believe in us.

When we get tired,  
or feel disappointed with the  
way things are going,  
remind us that you can bring  
change and hope  
out of the most difficult situations.

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God in heaven,  
we are sorry for the times when we  
are cynical and doubt other people.  
We thank you for the people in the  
Bible who trusted and followed Jesus.  
Give us the same courage and  
strength to follow your Son,  
and not be shy to tell others  
about Jesus.

This we ask in the power of  
the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Creator God, by your design  
we are whole people, yet we have  
sought to prise Word from flesh,  
to drain truth from life,  
we have lived in our limits,  
touching the bounds for reassurance,  
we have distrusted the vision  
and sought to destroy the visionary.

Forgive us when we have been willing  
to be entertained, but not changed  
when we have allowed our insights  
to harden into clichés  
when we have spoken  
only to consolidate our own position  
when we have called on you only  
to hear the sound of our own voices  
when our celebrations have left others  
with nothing to enjoy.

Searching and creative Spirit of God  
who makes community  
from the raw materials of our lives  
teach us the humility to learn from  
those who know a true rejoicing  
through Jesus Christ  
who revealed your glory.

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