

Everlasting God,
in your presence,
there is no 'put on' -
no 'ifs',
no 'buts'!
You take us as we are
and You make us
Your own.

So, today we ask that at these different times we are
living in,
You, fill that space
at the very core of our being
which only You can occupy.
that holy place,
where Your Spirit of love dwells.
And so filled,
may we too reflect
the beauty and wonder of Your creation
in all we are and all we do.

All Knowing God,
we wish we knew ourselves
as well as You know us.
Week after week
we pray
'forgive us our sins'.
And week after week
we confess
that many of our shortcomings
are the same.

Lord forgive us,
for all the selfish fears we have:

fear of failing
when You have called us to be faithful
not successful;

fear of speaking out the truth
when You have commissioned us to proclaim Your
kingdom
not to seek popularity;

fear of losing home comforts or social positions
when You have challenged us to take risks
not to cling to security blankets.

We are sorry O God,
that so often we hold on
to the wrong values.

Forgive us
for knowing that certain things
needed to be done
and not doing them:

the unwritten note,
the telephone call we almost made,
the missed visit,
the small act of kindness
or
apology,

actions and words that could have changed a life.

We are sorry O God
that so often
we set the wrong priorities.

Source of All Truth,
search us,
cleans us,
free us
from all that holds us back from serving You,
from all in our lives that contributes
to injustice, conflict and the marring of Your
creation.

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Friends in the risen Christ,
we are blessed with grace and mercy.
Let us go forwards
as forgiven and forgiving people of God,
led in the way everlasting
by Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us when we pray
to say together

Our Father in heaven
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
As we forgive those
Who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
And the glory are yours
Now and forever.
Amen.