

Let us pray

To you

Our loving God

The one in whose image we are each made,  
To you be all praise today.

You whose hands modelled and created us

And whose hands still hold us

In their caressing warmth

To you be all praise

For you are our wonderful God.

In awe

We gather today

We feel your greatness

We sense your closeness

But we know too that the words of our mouths

The thoughts in our minds

And the love in our hearts

Are just so much less than you deserve.

But they are all we have

And we offer them to you

Quietly

Reverently

## In love

We have fallen short of what is needed once more  
We bring to you our sorrow.

Our sense of a relationship needing more.

Take all we have

It is offered sincerely

For we know that you do surprise

We can never offer all that is required,

But you do not make outrageous demands

You simply take what we have to offer

How ever small

However large

However misshapen

However old

You take it

And use it

To shape your creation.

That is why we stand in awe and wonder looking at you

All glory be to you

Creator

Lord

Helper and friend.

For you have forgiven us.

Through the work of your son Jesus Christ on a cross

We are forgiven for all times

And in all places.

And we rejoice in that.

Bind us together in that love.

May we celebrate all that we have and

All that we are

Your one people

loving

Living

Pointing

To you

the one, true and living God

Revealed through your son Jesus Christ

Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit

One God now and for ever.

And who taught us when we pray to say together.

Our Father...

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.