

Let us pray

Loving heavenly Father

Creator of heaven and earth

This day, as are all days

This moment as are all moments

Is the time to worship and give you praise

For all around us we can see your glory

If we watch and wait with faith.

Keeping watch from our houses

Waiting to see what you will say to us

Open our eyes to the glory of your presence,

Attune our ears that we may hear your voice,

Expose our minds to the challenge of your truth,

Fill our lives with wonder, love and praise.

As we turn and look at you.

And catch the vision you hold out to us

For Lord so often our faith seems small

And we need help to let it grow

So often our faith seems weak

And we are afraid when you call us to faith

Help us loving Lord

For we look for strength from you.

When faith meets the everyday obstacles of life.

We look around a little impatiently
and wonder just how it all fits together.

Remind us once more that
Through the work of your son on a cross
We know we are forgiven
And brought into a patient relationship with you
A relationship that strengthens us
As we stand surrounded by
the unanswered questions of your world
a relationship that lift us up and guide us
in every moment of each day every week
Such that we become more determined
To follow you
All the days of our lives.

Grant, O merciful God
That your church
Being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
May show forth your power and truth among all
peoples,
To the glory of your name,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns,
With you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and for ever. Amen