

The Litany for Service to God

Leader: We are not alone! We live in our Creator's world – our Creator who *has* created and *is* creating...who moved among us as Jesus the Christ, and who works in us and through us as Spirit.

People: We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's Presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to see justice and resist evil, to embody the teachings and life of Jesus, and to infuse the world with peace.

Leader: We are not alone! In the darkness before dawn, in the waiting and uncertainty...where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over prisons fashioned by the human mind, innovation, and hate: the Spirit moves among us.

People: We trust in God: who sits down in our midst to share our humanity; who takes us beyond safe places into action, vulnerability, and into the streets; and who challenges us to work for change, to bear responsibility, to take risks, to stand with those on the margins, and be used by the Spirit to build communities of hope.

Leader: We are not alone! Our God has gifted us with courage, faith, and cheerfulness...with sound and study, song and silence...eyes to see reality and dreams to envision what can be...that hidden things may be revealed and new ways found to touch the hearts of all we encounter.

People: We trust in God. If every wall should crumble and every church decay, we are the Spirit's habitation. Nearer are you, O God, than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Look through our eyes with compassion on the world and direct us outside this sacred space and time to the crossroads of relationships within diversity and peace within reconciliation.

Leader: O God, set your blessing on us in this time together.

People: O Spirit, pour blessings upon your children. May be we fire and light.

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