

Opening prayer: Lord, we come to you with a sense of continual personal need. Some times there is ~~an~~ an unfulfilling desire in our hearts to become what you see that we need. Often we have an unshakable faith that you have what we need in your promises. We still understand that though you withhold for a while, you ~~are~~ love to be asked and asked again. Grant us a firm belief that if we ask believing, we shall receive. Amen

Pastoral prayer: Holy God, you have created us with potentials to develop, interests to pursue, dreams to follow, discoveries to make. Forgive us when we allow ourselves to become defeated by discouragements, fenced in by fears, paralyzed by problems.

Through worship we pray for wings of hope to make us soar, for stability to make us come alive again, for power to rise up and walk by faith.

Near us as we ~~are~~ ask to be moved out from the overcast, the fog, the dripping skies of self-pity and self-blame, out into the sunlight of your love. We have roads to walk and hills to climb, songs to sing, love to be shared, days and nights of glory ahead. Glory be to you, O God. If you will help us, we can walk it through Jesus Christ, our Lord -