

Opening Prayer: Wondrous God we adore you
for sending your Son to travel the roads
of human life and experience the tensions
between friends and enemies, relatives
and strangers, to love of everyone, so
that as Jesus' disciples today we follow
him in applying the gospel to life.

Pastoral Prayer: Creator God, it is the splendor
of this planet that you have
created the seasons, so that we
are able to rejoice in the progress
of the sun and the adventure of
the changing landscape. We praise
you for the beauty of each season,
but particularly for now we rejoice
in the colors of beginning Autumn
and the beauty of a promising harvest.
Let us not be so distracted by the
grandeur of the city that we forget to
walk with Christ at the lead and
your Spirit behind all that we do
and everywhere that we go. Guide us
away from the tortuous tensions of this
age and past the intriguing temptations
that we might arrive at our destinations
healthy and whole.

- Mold fathers into men of strength & tender-
ness
- Shape mothers into women of thoughtful-
ness and decision
- Let the children be formed with the
caution of the law and the encouragement
of the gospel

Draw us together, Lord, as families who
the circle to include all who seek the family
of God. On this hour, this day, this week, nurture
us, we pray -