

Opening prayer: O Lord, touch our hearts, our minds, our lips
 with the purifying fire of your truth, that we with con-
 fidence may respond to your grace, saying, "Here we are. Send us."
 Send us with light to a world that is in darkness.
 Send us with peace to a world that is at war.
 Send us ~~to us~~ grace to a world that lives by Vengeance.
 Send us with faith to a world that is in doubt.

until every creature and every Nation shall
 join the Song of the Seraphim Chanting:

Holy, Holy, Holy are you, O God.

Stars and planets, land and oceans,
 atoms and glaciers - galaxies - all that exists -
 is filled with your glory, Amen

itself, Pastoral Prayer: O God, whose presence means more to us than life
we pray with the psalmist: "Do not abandon what you have made."
We fear being alone, alone with our violent thoughts, alone with
our grief, alone with the doubts that sap our energies.

yet, even as we recognize our fear of being alone, we remember others
who feel abandoned: Prisoners of Conscience, those who are dying
without a circle of support, those who are mourning by themselves.

Through us and through the silent and unseen Ministries of your Spirit,
inade our lonely, yearning, bleeding world. Be come incarnate again
in the touch of a hand, in acts of sympathy and compassion that all may
know what the psalmist knows: "that your love endures forever,
ford. Amen