

Opening Prayer: Almighty God, in your mercy
 hear the Confessions of your People. We Confess
 Our Fickleness to proclaim you King and
 Lord when we are caught up in the enthusiasm
 of the crowd. When emotions fade and the
 reality of discipleship confronts us we are more
 reluctant with our Confession and Praise. Our lives
 are not lived as faithful disciples should live.
 Forgive us, O God, and guide us to be the
 People you intended us to be. In Christ's
 Name we pray. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer: In the stillness of this
 moment, O God, we knit our hearts to
 you. Take away all things that ^{lay} claim to
 our thoughts and emotions in this ~~moment~~
 moment, and help us to know your Word.
 We give you our thanks for the blessings
 of your Creation; its wonder and beauty are be-
 yond our imagination. From the rising of
 the sun to its setting in the evening we look
 out and are reminded that you are God of all
 things. As we gaze upon the heavens at
 night we are humbled, for we look upon the
 courts of your Kingdom. O God, you are truly a
 wonderful God of the universe.

yet, you also reign over our individual and
 personal lives. We give you thanks for the

blessings of health both of body and of mind
that you give to us. We thank you for those
moments of insight and ~~contemplation~~ contemplation that
make us aware of how near you are to us.
We thank you for the homes that shelter us,
family and friends who love us.

Help us to be compassionate and concerned
about men and women who do not know you
or the wonder of your Kingdom. Help people
to know the peace of your presence and to
feel your touch, which makes even the heaviest
burden light - those who look upon
each ^{new} day as a new burden that they must
carry alone and upon each night with tears.
those who know only the pained existence
of sickness and uncertainty; those who, be-
cause of their own doing or because
of the actions of others, do not have homes
to shelter them or the love of family and
friends. O God use us in ways that
will minister to these people so that we
might be one in your name.