

Open Prayer: Wonderful Father,
 it is 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,
 laborers and managers. Equip us
 with the determination to live
 in love of everyone, so that as
 Jesus' disciples today we follow him
 in applying the Gospel to life.

Pastoral Prayer: Creator Father, it is
 the splendor of the 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 chang-
 ing landscape. We praise thee for the
 beauty of each season, but particularly
 this season of Spring with its
 burgeoning flowers & wonderful fragrance.
 Let us not be so distracted by
 the grandeur of the countryside that we
 forget to walk with Christ at the
 lead & your Spirit behind all that we do
 and everywhere that we go. Guide us
 away from the torturous tensions of
~~this~~ this age and past the intri-
 guing temptations that we might
 arrive at our destinations healthy
 and whole.

Mold fathers into men of strength and
 tender,ness and boldness.
 Let the children be formed with
 the caution of the law and the en-
 couragement of the gospel.

Draw us together, Lord, as families
 who widen the circle to include all who
 seek the family of G. In this hour, this day,
 this week, nurture us, we pray through
 Jesus Christ, our Lord —