

O Pen prayer: Merciful heavenly Father, we are here today with needs that cause us to seek you, and you offer yourself always to be found. So let us find you in all places where you already are - in the fields and hills, in the heavens above and the depths of the earth, in our houses and our temples; on the highways and in the offices, classrooms, hospitals, and supermarkets; in the jails, the streets, and the cemeteries. Continue your loving, loving presence with us forever, that the whole world may see your glory. Amen.

Pastoral prayer: O God, our Father, you stars in their courses rule over the whole universe, and judge the nations. Yet you number the hairs of our heads. You mark the fall of each sparrow, and you know each of us as though there were only one of us to know. Just now, great now, cross the thresholds of our innermost lives, we pray. You know the anxieties we have. Sickness has found its way into our homes. So many of us are poor. Some of us are homeless. Temptation seeks to claim our children. We are faced with problems that perplex and tasks beyond our power to do. Our inner lives are full of conflict and we are tormented by lust and greed, by grief and guilt, by hate and ~~and~~ envy. We see within ourselves needs that only your grace can satisfy. We see opportunities that only your power can fulfill. Now for every need send your bountiful supply.