

O Lord, our God, gracious and merciful,  
Give us such confidence in your  
saving grace that we may dare to  
examine the shadowy side of our  
lives: our hidden faults, our secret  
thoughts, our unknown sin. Then let  
us be quick to ask how we stand  
before you.

Help us to love what is good and  
to turn from everything that dishonors  
your name. Help us steady in our  
walk with you, constant in our de-  
votion, and obedient in your service.

You have called us to an inheritance  
of light in Christ. We pray that your  
Church may be made worthy of this call  
and be drawn nearer and nearer to you.

We give you our thank to this day for the healing  
touch of Jesus, which has calmed anxious minds,  
brought lifelessness to diseased and broken bodies,  
and restore life to those bound by the cords of death. For  
this lifelessness and peace given by Christ Jesus, we lift our  
together in triumphant songs -