

Call to Worship: "He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." Isa. 40:29-31

Pastoral Prayer: Lord, we try to understand your will for our lives, our world, and our existence is a paradox for us. While we like to think that the possibilities for each of us are endless, we know that we are confronted with our limitations every day of our lives.

We have moments when we truly care for others and are selfless. But all too often we find our life styles marked by selfishness. We speak words of love, but find it so much easier to hate. We talk of forgiveness, but continue to remain angry. We wonder why we are the way we are, and then realize that evil is a potent force in our lives.

Help us to acknowledge the fact that

Despite our Great Achievements, we must
accept and live with our limitations. Remind
us again that you are the Creator, and we are
the Creatures.

Let us never forget that because ^{your} ~~you~~ great
love for us, you have promised to become
like us so that we might become more
like you. You, who can do all things, do
these for us.

Let us never forget that we must depend
on you for all things, but you share these
things with us because you love us with
a love that is beyond our understanding.

Amen