

## Opening Prayer:

Eternal Beauty, Shine brightly in  
the midst of Chaos.

Eternal Truth, judge rightly in the  
midst of confusion.

Eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil.

Eternal Power, rule and reign through  
out the whole world.

Eternal mercy, grant us your peace,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer: Almighty God, all time  
is your time. Our lives stand in  
the appointment of your will. Our  
harvests are dependent on your faith-  
ful providence. The order of our days  
is only certain because you remain  
steadfast. O great God of seedtime and  
harvest, of station and of destiny, in  
the morning you send us forth, and  
in the evening you are our sustenance  
and hope. We thank you for your  
kindness, your knowledge, your  
majesty, your hand, O God, remains  
your mighty hand, O God, remains  
of your might in power. In the greatness  
of your might you have thrown down  
all those who have opposed you. Your  
burning judgment will consume every  
evil thing that is in the world. There is no God  
like you, majestic in holiness, awesome  
in glory, working wonders. And yours

unfailing love continues to lead  
the people you have redeemed. O be  
your love that has called them to your  
sanctuary. Now pour out upon us the  
converting grace and purifying power of  
your holy Spirit. Raise us up to-  
day to be numbered among the faith-  
ful, a devout and obedient people a-  
mong the nations. Bless your Church  
today and make it grow into the  
stature and fullness of our Lord  
Jesus Christ who died and rose  
again and reigns forever at your  
right hand -

## Assurance of Pardon

May the Almighty and merciful  
Lord grant unto you pardon and  
remission of all your sins, true re-  
pentance, amendment of life, and  
the grace and comfort of the  
Holy Spirit. Amen