

Pastoral Prayers 5/10

Jesus, our Way, from our separate houses and rooms, we long to be with you and with each other. You have promised a place for us in your Father's house, and it is that hope of unity - with you and with each other - that is our true home. Be our path and our destination. In times of confusion, isolation, and despair, help us find our way as we journey toward our ultimate dwelling with you.

Jesus, our Truth, help us to use our words and actions with integrity to affirm the worth and dignity of all people and all of creation. As we become increasingly aware of how connected we are to one another - even as we are separated - we also experience our connection to you. Help us to resist our fear and all the ills it leads to - hatred, racism, anxiety, and anger. We pray that in seeking truth and proclaiming truth, the world will come to find you.

Jesus, our Life, we turn to you when our hearts are troubled. Send healing for our sisters and brothers who are sick, isolated, homeless, or oppressed. Bring comfort to those who mourn and Receive graciously our loved ones who have died.

Jesus the Way and the Truth and the Life, help us to know and follow you so that our hearts will not be troubled so that through you the Father may be glorified.

AMEN

Mother's Day Prayer, from Women's Uncommon Prayers

Gracious God, giver of life and love, bless all of our mothers, those living on earth and those who have died and are alive in you.

We give thanks for those mothers who have loved us and for those who have fallen short of loving us fully;

For all who hope to be mothers someday and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated;

For all mothers who have lost children;

For all those who have mothered others in any way;

And for your Creation and your Church which nourish and sustain us.

Help us to know your nurturing love, O God, as we seek to guide and encourage one another in the power of the Holy Spirit, following the example of Jesus and his mother Mary.

We ask this in Christ's Name.

AMEN