

Litany of Remembrance and Lament, Healing and Hope

Eternal God, compassionate Redeemer, life-giving Spirit: you know our deepest longings and sorrows. Hear the anguish of our hearts and let our cry come to you.

Leader Stand near in the darkness, gracious God.
We are broken by loss and afraid of our future,
overwhelmed by that we cannot understand.

People ***Hear our cry, O God.***

Leader We are confused and angered by what feels unjust.

People ***Hear our cry, O God.***

Leader Bonds of love are strained; our relationships suffer.

People ***Hear our cry, O God.***

Leader Some have forsaken us, others avoid us, compounding our sadness.

People ***Hear our cry, O God.***

Leader Turn your heart toward us, healing God.

In our grief we have turned against one another and you.

People ***Turn your heart toward us, O God.***

Leader We criticize and blame; we withdraw or lash out.

People ***Turn your heart toward us, O God.***

Leader We are anxious and fearful about the future.

People ***Turn your heart toward us, O God.***

Leader Save and restore us, Good Lord, by your love.

Only you can heal us.

Send your life-giving Spirit to renew our broken hearts.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Leader Forgive our despair, lead us to hope,
and teach us to trust in your goodness.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Leader Increase in us patience toward ourselves and one another.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Leader Give us grace to let go of lost dreams,
entrusting ourselves to your purpose and will.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Leader Release us from fear, renew us in love, and rekindle our hope.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Leader Help us envision a future filled with promise, even if we cannot know
what lies in store for us. Help us have confidence in your love as we take
each new step.

People ***Save and restore us, Good Lord.***

Concluding Collect

God of Life, you gave us life and hope. Be with us in the chaos of this time. Calm our fears, be the light for our path, and strengthen our trust in your promise never to leave or forsake us. We pray through Christ, in the power of your Holy Spirit. *Amen.*