

## *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.*