

## PRAYER OF ADORATION & CONFESSION, LORD'S PRAYER

God of all people and places,  
You are with us in all situations and every time.  
The crowds shout "Hosanna" at your coming in Christ Jesus  
and we echo that praise-filled word still today:  
you are the humble king we welcome most graciously;  
you are the peaceful leader who extends hands and heart in love;  
you are the saving grace in our lives.  
We pause from our work and from consuming the news;  
we pause from scrutinizing graphs and from at-home projects,  
to listen for your voice,  
to follow your story,  
and to worship you as the Creator, Christ, and Spirit.

Compassionate One,  
The crowds who sang Hosanna as you came into Jerusalem  
but who turned on you by the end of the week  
may seem outlandish,  
but when we take time to be honest with ourselves,  
we confess that we have done the same to others.  
We have allowed the words and ideas of leaders and other influencers  
to infiltrate our hearts rather than stay the path of love.  
We have allowed our fuses to grow short and our patience to wear thin;  
we have turned a blind eye to situations that make us uncomfortable,  
becoming the silent bystanders.  
In these ways, we have turned on those who we know we should treat with more  
care, patience, understanding, and love.

Forgive our fleeting enthusiasm for your purposes  
and our shallow commitment to put our faith into practice.  
Forgive our desire to seek change for external things  
rather than take charge of the changes we can make within ourselves.  
Help us to pay attention to the costly choices  
Jesus made for us as he moved toward the cross.  
This we pray in the name of Christ our Saviour, who taught us to pray... Our Father...