

PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Holy God, we know that you created us in love,
to enjoy this world and to enjoy You,
to serve your creation and your children.

And we know that we do not do your will.
With clenched hands, we can neither give nor receive.
With eyes tight shut, we cannot see pain nor beauty.
With feet of clay, we cannot dance in joy or run to help.

We ask for your help and your power to change.
Open our hands and eyes, move our feet,
toward grace and hope and trust in You.
This we pray in Jesus' name, who taught us when we pray to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name;
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN...**