

## Prayers of Intercession May 2

Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

*A brief silence.*

God of all fruitfulness, you abide in your church and your church abides in you. Cleanse us by your word and give yourself to the whole church on earth so that it bears fruit and witnesses to your love. Remember, O Lord, **your compassion and love.**

You have created the heavens and the earth. As we wonder at the beauty of creation, may we seek vital connections among all that depends on the earth for life. Remember, O Lord, **your compassion and love.**

You rule the nations with justice and love. Give the leaders of the earth assurance of your abiding presence, that they lead not by fear but with love for those they are called to serve. Remember, O Lord, **your compassion and love.**

You have loved us so that we can love others. We pray for all in need of your love: those who are poor, lowly, outcast, weak, or fearful. Provide for the needs of all. Remember, O Lord, **your compassion and love.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

You gather us with all the saints by the power of your Spirit. With them, may our hearts live forever in your keeping. Remember, O Lord, **your compassion and love.**

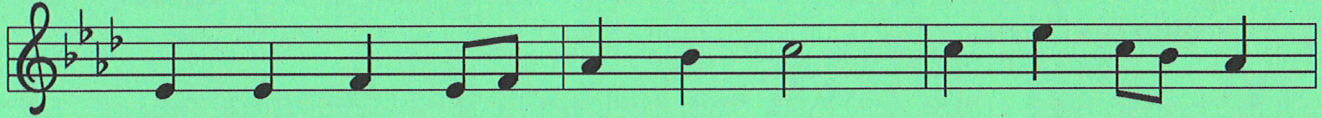
In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



# Ask the Complicated Questions



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock-ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

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