

Congregational Prayer

(paraphrased from HWB # 720, 721)

Leader: God, we gather together with one voice,
to bring before you both our petitions & our praise.

Right: We pray for all of your creation.
We acknowledge that we are interconnected with all
other peoples,
All other creatures and all of your creation we may
consider inanimate.

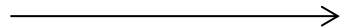
All: **We pray for ourselves.**
Heal us of our ailments; physical, mental,
emotional, spiritual.

Left: We pray for those overcome by violence,
For victims of injustice or oppression,
For those in poverty or pain.

All: **We pray for all who need comfort and hope.**

Right: We pray for those who endure trials,
For those who are dying,
For those who mourn,

All: **We pray for all who need comfort and hope.**



Leader: God, from whom comes each good gift of life,
We recall your uncounted mercies and join in grateful praise.

Left: For all your gifts to us and to our human race,
For our life and the world in which we live

All: We give you thanks.

Right: For the order and constancy of nature,
For the beauty and bounty of the earth,
For day and night, summer and winter, seed-time and
harvest,
For the varied joys each season brings

All: We give you thanks.

Left: For the work we are enabled to do,
For the truth we are permitted to discover,
For whatever good there has been in our past,
And for all the hopes which lead us on toward better things

All: We give you thanks.

Right: For all cultures, wise government and just laws which order
our common life;
For education, the treasures of literature, art and science

All: We give you thanks.

Left: For the discipline of life;
For the tasks & trials which train us to know ourselves
And which bring us to accept one another

All: We give you thanks.

Right: For the desire and power to help others;
For the gift of others with the desire and power to help us;
For every opportunity to serve and receive service in ways
large or small

All: We give you thanks.

Left: For the tender ties which bind us to the unseen world;
For the faith which dispels the shadows and gives us hope

All: We give you thanks.

**All: God of grace and love, as we end our prayers of petition
and thanksgiving we ask that you continue to bring
about your vision for our lives and for the world.
Continue to bless us with the holy spirit so that we
might be in harmony with your vision. Amen.**