

# A LENTEN LITURGY

*A congregational call to faithful  
community well-being.*

**Leader:** Let us confess the ways we wander from health and wholeness.

**People:** *Almighty God, we confess that we seek satisfaction for ourselves in the moment and do not think of the welfare of others. We confess that we indulge our own desires above the needs of others and grow impatient when we do not have our own way. We confess that we fail to nurture healthy relationships with God, our neighbors, and ourselves. We confess that we too easily turn our eyes from injustice, from those with whom we might share our abundance, and from those you put in our paths to serve. For all of this, we ask your forgiveness. Amen.*

**Leader:** Our God, you call us to loose the bonds of injustice and to undo the yokes that oppress. May we respond to opportunities to bring wholeness to the spirits of all we meet.

**People:** *Hear our prayer. Make us whole.*

**Leader:** Our God, you ask us to share bread with the hungry, to shelter the homeless, to clothe the naked. May we respond to opportunities to bring health to the bodies of all we meet.

**People:** *Hear our prayer. Make us whole.*

**Leader:** Our God, you promise that your light shall break forth like the dawn and your healing spring up. When we cry for help, you will say, “Here I am.”

**People:** *Hear our prayer. Make us whole.*

**Leader:** Precious Lord, we thank you for providing us with the example for physical and emotional wholeness. We come in our own selfishness to praise you for the promise to heal us and our communities and keep us in your will. When we wander from health and wholeness, you remain by our side, keeping us always in the reach of your love.

**People:** *Amen.*

**Leader:** Here now these words of assurance of your belovedness in God’s eyes. The apostle Paul wrote, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**People:** *Amen.*

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