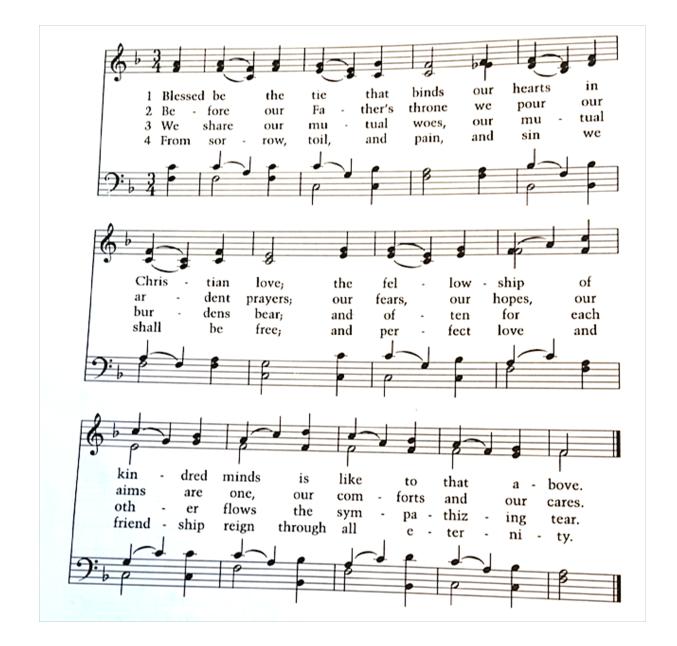
PRAYERS FOR HOME AND FAMILY

(Congregation Standing)

Eternal God, Creator of our first home, we gather as your family to seek your blessings on our homes and our relationships.

We ask you, O Lord, to teach us how to reflect your grace in every encounter.



(Congregation sitting)

Life-giving Spirit, you came in power to form and guide the church, a family with varied gifts and graces. Grant that church and home may model for each other the nurturing of individuals and the growth of community. We recognize the difficulty in forming family with those who are different from ourselves, as well as with those who are like ourselves. We confess our failure to love and grow, our impatience for others to change, our blindness to one another's needs. Yet we rejoice that you have given us each other, and we dedicate ourselves to mutual support and love, trusting not in our own strength, but in your strong compassion.

Guide us, O Lord, and enable us to support and love each other. Amen

