

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.

The musical score is written for a congregation standing. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are as follows:

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

(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

1 Re - new us all, O Lord; re - new us, heart and soul. Now
2 Re - new our fam - 'ly life, the ties of love that bind. We,
3 Re - new this world you made, our stud - y, work and rest. In
4 Re - new us, as of old; re - store the joy of youth, so

heal our an - ger, hurt, and pain; now make the wound-ed whole.
mar - ried, sin - gle, young and old, what treas-ured trust will find.
Christ your Son, we rise re - stored; in him, our homes are blessed.
soon we'll spread your great, good news, your an - cient, time - less truth.