

Spirit of love and giver of life, source of all mystery and hope, we gather in silent contemplation and thanks for the many gifts in our lives – family, friends, a safe place to rest after a hard day's work, laughter, love, forgiveness, hope. We pause to remember how fortunate we are, and to mourn for the victims of the tragic earthquake in Pakistan and India. We sit silently in remembrance of all those who were lost in the mudslide in Guatemala and who perished in the recent hurricanes. We cherish the memory of those who have left us, and as we sit in contemplation for these few moments, you may say aloud the name of a lost loved one or friend, if you wish ....., .....Inject wisdom into the minds of our leaders, in these challenging times. We hope for the recovery of all those who are ill or in pain. We delight in the laughter and singing of children. We are grateful for eyes to see the stars, for ears to enjoy music and poetry, for skin to touch, for noses that let in the scent of roses and jasmine, and for the taste of bacon and eggs in the morning. With gratitude for life this day and this church, we pause in silent meditation.....