

# Litanies and Reflections based on Bible Themes

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Acts 2 – see Genesis 11 (2004)

Acts 4 – see Luke 21 (2006)

Acts 9 – see Jeremiah 1

1 Corinthians 1

## Reflection

The Apostle Paul writes to the people of the church;

appealing that all should be in agreement,  
*Judge not, and you will not be judged;  
condemn not, and you will not be condemned;  
forgive, and you will be forgiven.*

Admonishing that there should be no divisions,  
*Love your enemies,  
do good to those who hate you,  
bless those who curse you,  
pray for those who abuse you.*

Advising that all should be united in the same mind and the same purpose.  
*As you wish that people would do to you,  
do so to them.*

## Litany

Called to be of one mind

**We have a wide array of ideas.**

Called to be united

**We are more comfortable with our own kind.**

Called to be in agreement

**Still we cherish our right to dissent.**

Creating God, remind us again that Our diversity of body, mind and spirit Is a pale reflection of your expansive spirit. Enable us to embrace our diversity Not to divide but rather To draw us closer to you and to one another.

**Amen.**

1 Corinthians 8:1-13 - Knowing and Understanding

We know so much.

**We understand so little.**

We value education.

**Empower our values to blossom into commitments that all children have access to a quality education regardless of parents, neighborhood, gifts, or disabilities.**

We value intellectual pursuit.

**Endow our scholarly inquiry with a quest for spiritual awareness that the seeds of knowledge may fall onto fertile ground.**

We value academic success.

**Enable us to cherish each child's successes recognizing your light beckoning from within an infinite array of talents and challenges.**

We know so much.

**We understand so little.**

Lord in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

1 Corinthians 13 - for congregational response.

If we speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels,  
*but do not have love,*

**I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.**

And if we have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if we have all faith, so as to remove mountains,  
*but do not have love,*

**I am nothing.**

If we give away all our possessions, and hand over our bodies so that we may boast,  
*but do not have love,*

**I gain nothing.**

Love is patient;  
*love is kind;*

**love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.**

Love does not insist on its own way;  
*Love is not irritable or resentful;*

**Love rejoices in the truth.**

Love bears all things, **Love believes all things,**

*Love hopes all things,*

**Love endures all things.**

Love never ends.

**Amen.**

Colossians 4:6 - Leviticus 2:13 - see Genesis 19:24-26 (2002) – Called to be Salt

Hebrews 11

*Now faith is*

*the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.*

We come convinced of many things but trusting very few.

Holy God of limitless surprises,

meet us here in this place

as we touch that which we can not see that which we have not dared to hope.