

Graduation Resources

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Litany of Commitment (1995)

To each of us is given a branch of life,
to be used at our desecration.

May we decide to plant ourselves in rich soil.

To each of us is given a portion of sun and rain and nourishment,
but still we choose whether we will enjoy the gifts.

**May we choose to drink deeply
of the sustenance around us.**

To each of us is given an audience with the Gardener;
will we decide to accept the invitation?

**May we decide to heed
the wisdom of the Gardener.**

To each of us is given the opportunity for success,
and also the opportunity to not succeed.

**May we choose to flourish
with the life God offers.**

Prayer for Discernment (1993)

Loving God,
We pray for the wisdom to discern your call in our lives.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the wisdom to make healthy choices
in the face of endless and confusing options.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the grace to redefine our relationships
with our parents and our friends as our lives change.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the grace to form new relationships
with new friends as we move forward from this place.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the courage to swim against the current of society
as we seek to follow where you lead us.

Hear our prayer, O God.

We pray for the courage to take a stand with you
for justice and peace in this world in this time.

Hear our prayer, O God. Amen.

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Litany of Call (1994)

Life looms ahead of us, huge and uncertain;
In the confusion we must listen for the voice of God.
Who can hear the voice of God calling?

Hear I am, send me!

The expectations of our friends feel so overwhelming;
Luring us to make choices for our own comfort.
Who can focus on the call to serve God?

Hear I am, send me!

Hunger, greed, hopelessness prevail in our world;
Making it difficult to believe that God still dances.
Who can speak good news in the face of evil?

Hear I am, send me!

Our voice seems so small against the misery we hear;
Wars and famines and abuse seem dominate.
Who can be heard above the crying?

Hear I am, send me!

The world is waiting to hear the promise of God;
A life of justice, peace and love for all of God's children.
Who choose this life with God?

Hear I am, send me!