



A Prayer for Compassion and Courage

God of all people,

We pray for our brothers and sisters who are alone,

who are forgotten today—

the homeless on the corner,

the abused woman and child,

the prisoner struggling to know forgiveness,

the woman trafficked into servitude,

the lonely one suffering from addiction,

the migrant longing for home and family,

the couple consumed by work and material wealth, having lost the

love and affection they once shared,

the teenager lost and isolated by bullying.

These and others are your lonely people.

Forgive us the times we have kept silent,

contributing to or perpetuating their alienation.

Give us the courage to set free all your children,

breaking the traps of fear and oppression.

Guide us to a new creation where all women, children and men
are welcomed as a blessing,

where we can sing without restraint in the glory of your love

magnified in the love of each other.

Amen