

Gathering Prayer Disability Awareness Sunday

Good and gracious God,
You have gathered us in today to be Your people,
Gathered us in
 As a hen gathers her brood under her wings,
 As a shepherd retrieves each one of his flock
 As a parent waits and watches,
 Eager to welcome the traveler home.

Each of us is mindful of opportunities
 To be ourselves, with our abilities and disabilities
 Our gifts and needs, our dreams and hopes.

Gathered in by Your Spirit, we are bound together.
 In You, we are no longer alone.
 In You, we find the
 Courage to reach out to others,
 Openness to hear voices long silenced,
 Generosity to heal relationships,
 Humility to give and receive the gifts that
 Make one another whole.

Be with us, we pray, as we strive to be
 Your faithful community in the world,
 Steadfast in love, joyful in service, and
 Ever the glad bearers of Your peace. Amen.

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