

Prayer of Journey



Leader: God, our God,
You have called us to be a people
on the move, traveling light,
dying to live, ready to lose ourselves
for the sake of the world.

ALL: **You have called us to be a people with a purpose;
traveling without a map,
traveling to where we are led,
sustained by your Spirit,
committed to the Gospel for the hope of the world.**

Leader: You have called us, your people,
to be the church.
But we are a church with problems:
too strong for the weak,
too staid for the young,
too respectable for the poor,
too divided for mission,
too obsessed with our own lives to think of the lives of others,
too unsure of our message to speak to the world.

ALL: **Move us on our journey**
 from where we are to where you want us to go.
Open our eyes on the way
 to the people of different cultures, continents and countries,
 who can bring color to our lives.

Leader: Take us on our journey
 from where we are to what you want us to be;
 so that we become a community
 where all are welcomed,
 and no one is excluded,
 and no one is made to feel inadequate;
 all are forgiven,
 and no one is ashamed to belong;
 all are encouraged,
 and no one is too hurt to come among us.

ALL: **Lead us on our journey**
 from who we are to who you want us to be;
 so that patience is built into us,
 kindness is assumed in us,
 gentleness is part of us,
 compassion flows from us,
 truth is second nature to us,
 and the commitment of love is part of us.
Let us go gladly on the journey towards Easter –
the journey towards death and resurrection.
Let us journey in the peace and power of the Spirit.

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