

O Faithful God, as your people,  
we cherish our memories  
and our history as a sacred gift.

We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.

We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive  
to change, conversion and growth.

We need your grace to redirect our hearts  
that we may be willing to offer ourselves  
in joyful service.

Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride  
to limit the work of your Spirit,  
nor custom to prevent  
the creativity within us from bearing fruit.

Open our hearts to the call of the Gospel.

Give us courage and renewed hope,  
that we may meet the challenge of being  
the church of our time.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.