O God, you have placed within us
A longing for union with you
and with all our neighbors of the earth.
Yet we have broken that union;
It is fractured within us as well as
between friends and among nations.

Bring us to a time of stillness
That we may see your face in all our neighbors
And hear your voice through all creation.

Give us the courage to turn toward your healing love.
Show us how to mend the disputes of our days;
Bring all nations back to a desire for your peace.

We thank you, O God, our Creator,
Redeemer and Sanctifier,
For the longing of our hearts to live in you.

Amen.

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