

Angels

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Dear Good and Gracious God,
Thank you for -
Angels when we expect demons,
Grace when we expect judgment,
Resources when we expect creditors,
Freedom when we expect slavery,
Possibilities when we expect
prohibitions,
New life when we expect old patterns.

For your new creation in all these ways,
And more, we give you thanks.
And we come to ask forgiveness
When we would create idols from
Our past experiences for our present
need;
When we would direct you,

Rather than trust you;
When we would be anxious,
Rather than faith-full;
When we would doubt,
Rather than wait in wonder
For how you will provide;
For are we not more than
The lilies of the field
Or the morning sparrow
Who are also dear to you?

So in our present need
We ask for
Courage to wait for what we cannot
create,
Strength to shape what we can,
Joy in you to nourish our spirits,
Sight to see angels in disguise or
In their shining radiance.
Amen.