

God of many names

God of many names, our names are known to you: to you we are not just the chaplain, the nurse, the doctor...you know us fully and completely.

You know us through and through—our pasts, with our unique joys and accomplishments, with our failures and regrets;

You know our present: the big and small worries we carry with us, our times of happiness and celebration, the work and ministry we do that brings us both stress and satisfaction; that uses our talents and yet enlarges us into being more than we are today.

You know us, O God, as a parent knows his or her child: with eyes wide open, recognizing our weaknesses and failures, and at the same time rejoicing in our strengths and our abilities, loving us for who we are as your beloved children.

May we grow in our ability to see our family, our co-workers, and each other, with this same honest yet patiently loving vision, as we recognize our common human weaknesses, while enjoying the gifts and the talents that each person brings to our common life.

We pray all this in the name of the one who was willing to embrace the beauty, and the struggle, of our human condition, and lived among us as Emmanuel, God with us...AMEN.

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