

## *Tender and Compassionate God,*

*You are our steadfast companion in both the joyous and difficult times of our lives. When we rejoice, you celebrate with us; when we are anxious and afraid, you offer us a relationship where we can find courage to face the unknown; when we weep with sadness, you are our comforter. Help us, O God, to believe that You receive us as we are, and help us to entrust ourselves, with all of our many struggles and hopes, to your faithful and abiding care. Amen.*

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