



Those in positions of authority over others. . .

The lonely and forgotten. . .

Children without families or homes. . .

Agents of caring and relief. . .

The church in Asia and the Middle East. . .

### *Silence*

Eternal God, our beginning and our end, be our starting point and our haven, and accompany us in this day's journey. Use our hands to do the work of your creation, and use our lives to bring others the new life you give this world in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all. **Amen.**

**Our Father. . .** Plainsong, adapt. Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944)

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### **Collect**

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Blessing**

Let us bless the Lord.

### **Thanks be to God.**

Almighty God, the Father, +the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

**Amen.**

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