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we come before you as your hurting people
in need of healing.

Knowing we are a Church of saints and sinners,
we acknowledge our own sinfulness
and ask forgiveness for the times
we have injured or neglected others.

Knowing we are called to holiness,
we trust you to lead us on our journey
to be a renewed Church
for with you all things are possible.

Christ Jesus,
continue to walk among us
as we leave.

Embrace us with healing.
Grace us with reconciliation.
Empower us to love as you love,
because healing, reconciliation, and love
are beyond our human capacity alone.

Spirit of God,
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Side One

Creator God, we are about to begin our meeting today.
We do so with awareness that without Your Presence
at the center of our discussion
and within each one, our work will be empty.
Assist us in making this meeting an opportunity for us to learn.

Side Two

In the process of listening to and discussing the issues presented,
may we learn how to treat each other's ideas
with reverence and respect.
May we be instructed in your Divine Truth
so that in the variety of approaches and
the rich differences among us
we may fulfill your mission.

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May we discover how to reject ideas without
rejecting people.
How to share visions
though we may not share the same means
for reaching our desired goals.

Side Two

Grace us with your wisdom and vision;
Gift us with your humor and humility.
Be for each of us a prayer, a lesson, and an opportunity.

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