



WORDS FOR WORSHIP

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GENERAL UNRAVELED LITURGY

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Gracious God, we bring you the broken parts of ourselves.

All: Hem us in before and behind.

One: Creator God, we bring you the joyful parts of ourselves.

All: Weave us together in hope and praise.

One: God of new life, we bring you doubt and faith knotted up in our hearts.

All: Unravel our doubt. Weave faith into our hearts.

Draw us together and point us toward you.

One: In hope and faith we pray. In hope and faith we worship.

All: Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God we confess—we are loose ends.

**You give us the gift of community,
and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation.**

**You give us the gift of a new day,
and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace and unity.**

**You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty,
and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes.**

Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.

Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of unending surprises,

This life is a tapestry of moments woven together, and we long to be weavers of love.

Today we gather and pray that you would unravel our bias.

Unravel our assumptions.

Unravel whatever it is that keeps us from you.

And as you do, clear space in our hearts for your Word.

We are listening. We are praying.

Amen.

3 LITURGY FOR 2 SAMUEL 3:7; 21:1-14
RIZPAH MOURNS HER SONS

CALL TO WORSHIP

When we come to this space, we bring all of ourselves.

We bring joy and hope,

dreams and prayers,

grief and doubt,

memories and heartache.

God meets us here.

God hears our prayers and sees our scars.

With open hearts and authenticity,

Let us worship good and gracious God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of creation,

Humanity is capable of such evil.

**Stories in scripture alongside stories on the news
remind us of that truth all the time.**

**For the moments when we choose violence over peace, exclusion over inclusion,
and fear over hope—forgive us.**

When we choose pride over what is right, and comfort over justice—

Show us mercy.

And when we numb our pain instead of leaning into empathy—

Unravel us, for we long to be changed.

Gratefully we pray,

Amen.