

## Transition Prayers

*The word blessing evokes a sense of warmth and protection ; it suggests that no life is alone or unreachable. Each life is clothed in raiment of spirit that secretly links it to everything else.*

— John O'Donohue

O Faithful God,  
We ask you to guide us in our time of transition.  
We need your wisdom, that we might be receptive to change,  
conversion and growth.  
We need your grace to redirect our hearts  
so we may be willing to offer ourselves in joyful service.  
Do not allow fear, ignorance or pride to limit the work of your Spirit. Amen.

God of love, in this interim time, we pray for our parish family,  
that we may be genuine in our self-reflection, tireless in our commitment,  
patient in our discernment, loving in our communion, open in our search,  
imaginative about our future, and daring in our faith.  
As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety,  
we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.  
We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us.  
We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.  
Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.  
All this we pray, empowered by the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

God, we pray that you would grant us the spirit of wisdom and discernment  
so that we may know you better and love you more.  
Give us an understanding heart so that we may be open to hear your voice  
and hear you say, “this is the path; walk in it.”  
Use us to be your hands and feet — your voice and heart — that we may be a  
channel through which you pour out your grace to help others.  
May we decrease to nothing so that only Christ is seen in our lives —  
we ask this in the power of the Spirit and in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Assist us, Lord, in living hopefully into the future.  
In the face of change, help us to set unnecessary fears aside  
and to recognize our potential for creative response.  
Help us to develop a reasonable optimism when confronted by “the new”  
and to guard against our own defensiveness.  
Be with us as we remember and celebrate former times,  
and keep us from unreasonable yearning for them,  
which takes us from the work you have set before us in our time.  
All this we ask in the name of your Child, our Savior, Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Ever-present God,  
You call us on a journey to a place we do not know.  
We are not where we started.  
We have not reached our destination.  
We are not sure where we are or who we are.  
This is not a comfortable place.  
Be among us, we pray.  
Calm our fears, save us from discouragement,  
and help us to stay on course.  
Open our hearts to your guidance  
so that our journey to this unknown place  
continues as a journey of trust. Amen.

— The Rev. Canon Kristi Philip

O Lord,  
You are the light that guides our feet.  
You are the map that gives us direction.  
You are the peace that makes us strong.  
You are the leader whom we faithfully follow.  
May your light illuminate our lives.  
And your guidance bring direction to our work.  
May we find inspiration in your Word,  
and peace in our hearts as we follow you. Amen.

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