Community Responsive Prayer for Artists

One: Creator, remember your artists. Have mercy upon them and remember with compassion all those who reflect the good, the ill, the strengths and the weaknesses of the human spirit.

Many: Remember those who raise their voices in unending song, those who pour their souls into music loud and soft.

One: Remember those who put pigment to surface, carve wood and stone and marble, who work base metals into beauty, those building upwards from the earth toward heaven.

Many: Remember those who put thought to paper by computer and by pen; the poets who delve, the playwrights who analyze and proclaim, the dreamers-up of narrative, all those who work with the light and shadows of film.

One: Remember the actors moved by Spirit and dancers moving through space.

Many: Remember those artists among us who suffer in the midst of distressing circumstances. Comfort, defend and surround them with your peace. Guide them through these present uncertainties with the confidence that you will never fail or forsake them.

One: Remember those artists among us who are creatively depleted, burned out, and stuck. Grant them a fresh vision, renewed inspiration, holy wisdom and plentiful opportunities for continual success.

Many: Remember those friends and patrons of the arts. Grant that their numbers, support and encouragement may multiply; that together we may accomplish those things to which we have been called.

One: Creator We thank you for the extravagant love that you demonstrate in the creation of this world. We ask that you would form in us a community of artists who reflect the Divine Community, marked by self-giving love, infectious joy and the desire to honor the artists in all of us.

Many: May it be so.