

## **God of prophets, preachers and psalmists,**

We pray for those who sing of you

- Words of praise,
- Words of challenge
- Words of hope

We pray for those who need words to be sung for them

- Those who long for change, but are silenced by fear
- Those who need justice, but are silenced by despair
- Those who reach out for hope, but are silenced  
by the powerful words of others

We pray for those whose words bring hope, joy and comfort

We pray for those who dare to let actions speak louder than any words

## **God of prophets, preachers and psalmists,**

We pray for those who imagine your way

- A way of transformation
- A way of pilgrimage
- A way of grace

We pray for those who live your way in a world that resists

We pray for those who long to see you way

- Those caught up in ways of destruction
- Those controlled by the pursuit of money and status
- Those with eyes that see nothing

We pray for those who paint pictures that are new and life giving

## **God of prophets, preachers and psalmists,**

We pray for ourselves,

For we are your prophets, preachers and psalmists,

And our words and ways seem inadequate and yet are graced by your spirit.

Inspire us,

Encourage us

When fear takes hold, ground us in your word

When apathy seems a good option, judge us with your imagination

When worthlessness fill our hearts, fill us with the wisdom of your creation

## **God of prophets, preachers and psalmists,**

We come before you

That we might know you are our God and we are your people

and pray that your way of justice

will be known among your people.

In the name of Jesus Christ, prophets, preacher and psalmist

*Joel 2: 27-29, Psalm 98, Acts 4: 8-13*

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