

Transfiguration



St Aidan's Uniting Church
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Prayers

Transformation is not easy, loving God,
and we make excuses or delay changes
simply because it is too hard
or too challenging
or brings up too many “what ifs”
for us to cope.

When we hear your call
and turn away,
**Christ, our friend,
forgive us.**

When we see your glory
and keep it as something external,
**Christ, our friend,
forgive us.**

When we resist changes
because it is not what we know
and so stop others from experiencing your love,
**Christ, our friend,
forgive us.**

Help us to see and experience
not only with our eyes
but with our hearts as well
the transformation that you offer
in our lives and all lives.
Amen.

Words of Assurance

God loves the whole world
and calls the whole world into relationship.
You are also loved and called –
and when we repent
we are drawn closer into that relationship.

Know that you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Intercession

Transforming God,
we pray for the many needs
of people who look for transformation
in their lives and in lives around them.

We pray for those who need the transformation
in their lives or in their society
so they can meet their physical needs
or the physical needs of their families.

We pray for those who needs society to transform
so they can be accepted with their difference
rather than being excluded
because of their race, gender, disability, or sexuality.

We pray for those who need transformation
in their emotional or mental health.

We pray for those who look for spiritual transformation
and need to know they are loved and accepted
just as they are.

We also pray for those who support others
whether they are agents of transformation
or friends to those in need.

We pray for a world that is transformed
until your love is shared everywhere
and all people may know your hope.
Amen.

Benediction & Blessing

Go out to share God's peace and love
knowing God will transform you
and responding to the call
to share that love with others.