

# *Faith of a mustard seed*



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## Call to Worship

We come in faith,  
not out of obligation,  
in but to be in community,  
to learn, and share, and grow,  
**together we are the people of God,  
and together we worship God.**

## Prayers

We earnestly ask:  
increase our faith!  
Expecting that faith  
is something we can quantify  
or compare to other people.

We judge ourselves and others  
by the image of faith  
the size of a mustard seed  
and think that our faith  
must be very small indeed  
when the impossible fails to happen.

**God of mustard seed and mulberry tree,  
grow and move our faith  
until it shapes our lives.**

We confuse faith and belief  
and judge our faith  
because of conflicts  
between what the Bible says  
and modern sciences  
or dismiss the learning  
that has happened over  
the last two millennia.

**God of mustard seed and mulberry tree,  
grow and move our faith  
until it shapes our lives.**

Forgive us when our beliefs  
overwhelm our faith  
and intellectual ideas  
become more important  
than its impact on our lives  
and relationships.

**God of mustard seed and mulberry tree,  
grow and move our faith  
until it shapes our lives.**

Forgive us when our beliefs  
stop us from growing  
our relationship with you  
and with the people around us  
and mean that faith  
is not lived out in our daily lives.

**God of mustard seed and mulberry tree,  
grow and move our faith  
until it shapes our lives.**

Help us to truly repent,  
with changed hearts  
and changed lives  
so we may live out your Gospel  
each and every day.  
Amen.

### *Words of Assurance*

God's love is for all,  
which includes each one of us.

Know that when you repent,  
seeking change of heart  
and a change of ways,  
you are forgiven:  
**thanks be to God.**

## Prayer of Intercession

Loving God,  
you tell us through teaching and story  
that faith, no matter how small,  
can have big results.

Today we pray for those people  
whose faith is being challenged  
in ways that does not help it grow.

We pray for those who look at churches  
and see hypocrisy  
because faith is conflated with belief  
and ticking off intellectual ideas  
is more important than a changed heart.

We also pray for the members  
of such church communities  
who fail to see how their actions,  
or lack thereof,  
lead the little ones astray.

We pray for those whose faith is tested  
through hardships of life –  
war,  
natural disasters,  
societal disadvantage,  
personal challenges,  
or the issues great and small  
that makes life unfair.

We also pray for those  
whose faith does not lead to action  
and they create those unfair situations,  
who fail to recognise  
that some people need extra help,  
or have had additional disadvantages,  
or need an extra hand up in life.

We pray for the people around the world  
who have different faiths,  
that we may all hear each other –  
the challenges and connections –  
and so all build a stronger understanding  
of loving God and our neighbour.

We pray for all of us,  
in this community here,  
whether our faith is old or new,  
whether or not we confuse faith and belief;  
help us to live our faith  
each and every day,  
enacting your reign of love  
until all the world enacts it too.  
Amen.

### Benediction & Blessing

We came in faith,  
not out of obligation,  
in but to be in community,  
to learn, and share, and grow,  
**together we are the people of God,  
and together we live our lives  
as worship of God.**

And as you go, always know  
the love of God surrounds you,  
Christ, the Companion, walks with you,  
and the Spirit leads you on the dance of life.  
Amen.