

Prayers of the People
October 25, 2020

God of Creation, we come before You just as we are
with scattered thoughts
with unsettled emotions
with questions and uncertainties

We come to be with You, just as You are
Love that never fails
Peace that cannot be explained
Joy that permeates all of creation

We breathe in
And we breathe out
We breathe in
And we breathe out

Breath of Life, You bring order to chaos
We breathe You in
And we breathe out

Light of the World, You shine in the dark places
We breathe You in
And we breathe out

Wisdom of the Ages, You lead us along Your path
We breathe You in
And we breathe out

We hold the shattered pieces of our hearts
the shards of our wounds and regrets
the shreds of broken dreams
Divine Healer, we ask for Your soothing touch
We breathe You in
And we breathe out, releasing our pain to You

We mourn the disrupted routines of our lives
the grit of our daily grind
the gravel of discomfort
Our Solid Rock, we ask for Your strength to endure
We breathe You in
And we breathe out, releasing our fears and anxieties to You

We lament the teetering systems of our world
the devastation of divisiveness and inequality
the rubble of eroding economies, health systems, and social systems
the ruins of poverty and oppression
Divine Love, we ask for Your compassion to lift people from despair
We breathe You in
And we breathe out, offering ourselves as instruments of Your peace

We grieve the decaying ecosystems of our planet
the pollution of greed
the litter of carelessness
the toxic air of indifference
Our Gracious Redeemer, we ask for Your cleansing and renewal
We breathe You in
And we breathe out, and step into our role as cultivators of the earth

God of Creation, You are still creating.

Light of the World, You continue to shine into the darkness.

Breath of God, You continue to breathe Life into this world.

Help us imagine what heaven looks like here on earth and embolden us to create
and to shine and to breathe the rhythm of Your Life wherever we go and in
whatever we do. Amen.