

**God of compassion,  
who enfolds us a mother does her  
child,  
There are times we just want to  
crawl  
into your embrace and forget the  
world,  
But we know that's not possible  
for you call us to serve you.  
So, more than anything else, we  
pray,  
keep us on the steady path  
Stir us by the power of your Spirit  
and soak us in the water of your love  
So we have the strength to live  
as you would have us live.  
In the name of him who showed us  
the way,  
Even Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**