

Treasured Clay Pastoral Prayer: Thank you God for our Bodies

Gracious God,

We come before you with thankful hearts, amazed at your surpassing power revealed in wooden crosses, empty tombs, and human bodies.

We confess the moments when, like the prophet Samuel, we have judged others by their outward appearance, failing to seek the deeper truths within. In your mercy, help us to hear your voice above all others and embrace new narratives that truly reflect the lived experiences of all people.

Made in your image and crafted with great love, Lord, we bring before you the prayers for our broken world.

We pray for the bodies in chronic pain and ongoing fatigue.

We pray for the minds lost in clouds of confusion or consumed by envy.

We pray for the hearts in a constant state of mending, especially for those wounded by cruel statements or weary by unintentional comments.

We pray for all people in our nation and around the world..

(add current concerns and joys)

God may your comfort and peace rest upon the grieving families, friends, and communities... (add current concerns and joys)

O Divine Cheerleader, keep our whole selves focused on You, cheering loudly for all people everywhere. Keep our minds and our hearts overflowing with Your empathy and love. And allow our enthusiasm for the gospel to inspire others in their faithful pursuit of following Christ, in whose name we pray and who taught His disciples to pray...

Our Father...