

Merciful God, as we move through our days trying to follow in the way of Jesus, we sometimes come up short. We need to seek forgiveness. We need also to accept and even dare to love those broken places within us as Jesus did. Only then will we have the courage to change. Only then will we even see the need to change. Only then will we be able to move toward greater wholeness. We choose to reject the seductive path of letting things be as they are. We have a higher calling and repent of those times in which we fall short, be they failures to extend compassion, welcome all, or give extravagantly. They are not who we choose to be. Jesus chose the road less traveled. We chose to follow him. Amen.