

Dream Dreams

Leader The Lord be with you.
All And also with you.
Leader He gathers us into his kingdom.
All That we may know the love and glory of the Father.
Leader Let us pray. O Lord, let our dreams soar. Let all our inhibitions and fears disappear as we strive to make our hopes come into being. Give us the strength, courage and insight we will need as we work to bring our vision to reality. Let your Spirit guide us in our imaginations and our fantasies so that worries and anxieties will not overcome us, for it is only through dreams that the beauty and wonder of your kingdom will be made known to all mankind. Be with us, Lord, as our minds wander, as we dream *your* dreams.

Reader Dreams come and go in our lives.
Far more die
than come to reality.
What is it in us that allows us to let go of visions
that could create new and beautiful worlds?
Why do we so easily give in to barriers?
Why do we let ourselves conform and be satisfied
with what is?
Reaching out to a dream can be risky.
It can involve hardships
that our imaginations never knew.
Our comfortableness can so easily be disturbed.
But, what beauty can be experienced as we accept
the challenge of a dream!
What a precious feeling to be supported,
to have others say you can do it,
we can do it together.
Nothing is beyond our reach
if we reach out together,
if we reach out with all the confidence we have,
if we are willing to persevere even in difficult times
and if we rejoice with every small step forward,
if we dream beautiful dreams that will transform
our lives, our world.
Nothing is impossible
if we put aside our careful ways,
if we build our dreams with faith--
faith in ourselves,
faith in our sisters and brothers,
and above all,
faith in our Lord God
with whom all things are possible.

SILENT REFLECTION

Leader Let us pray.

SPONTANEOUS PRAYER

All Lord, the more we dream the farther our hopes will take us. Let us be carried on the wings of our dreams with a confidence yet unknown. May we accept our challenges with unfounded enthusiasm and naive expectations, for nothing is impossible in your midst. Let us be blind to obstacles and limitations as we build your glorious kingdom. May our romanticism be seen and received. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and brother, the ultimate dreamer. Amen.

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