

Valentines Day Prayer

God of love
and friendship,
hear our prayer
this Valentine's Day
for the lonely,
those who are forgotten
and all who will not be happy
on this festival of love.

Remember, Lord,
the old who have lost their friends
and all they once held dear.
Remember men and women
whose bonds of love
are broken by divorce
and must now live alone
without a spouse to comfort them.

Remember, too,
the children whose parents
war has killed or violence destroyed.

Remember those who have no time for love
because they hunger first for food not company.

Lord, on this feast of friendship,
smile on the weak
who do not have the courage to love,
the frightened who cannot see beyond their own pain,
and the men and women
who have given up on love
and sold their hearts
for wealth and power in the world.

Give us, O Lord,
joyful hearts
and friends to share them with.
May we understand
that it is in giving we receive
and in loving we are loved.

Amen.