We gather committed to our mission and seeking new ways to carry on the ministry to which you have called us. Look kindly on our work, bless it and make it fruitful. Comfort us in faith that the service we provide carries on the work of our founders and remains rooted in your love for each person. When the challenges that face us seem unsurpassable, gift us with creativity and wisdom in community. Give us joy and patience in humility, knowing that we are but laborers in your vineyard, stewards of your kingdom. Give us comfort and peace in the assurance that, in your providence, all will be well. For indeed …

“There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under the heavens:
a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,

God has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end. I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.”

ECCLESIASTES 3: 1-4, 11-12