

TOGETHER WE PRAY – MAY 21 2017

Bidding: In you we live and move

Response: **And have our being**

Creator God, Lord of heaven and earth, we thank you for the special beauty of Aotearoa. From mountains to sea, on farmlands and vineyards, in city and marae, we see the blessings of your artistry. Keep us mindful of your handiwork. Give us wisdom to be faithful stewards of your gifts.

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Holy Spirit, inspire we pray the leaders in our diocese. Give clarity and conviction to those privileged to preach. Give insight and compassion to our pastoral ministers. Give integrity and grace so we can be your kingdom witnesses in our day.

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Holy Spirit, promise of the Son, gift of the Father, warm with your living company the ones we name who are unwell.....grieving.....in rest-home and hospice care..... We ask for your patience and gentle kindness for all who care for them and attend to their needs.

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Embracing God, Holy Spirit, we take comfort in your advocacy. We find joy in your abiding presence. Spirit of truth, guide our decisions. Spirit of holiness, form our characters. Spirit of love, reveal Christ to us. Welcome to our homes, our work, our family. Help us to live from the great reality that:

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(A prayer, edited, from the last of our Lenten studies)

"We are your people Lord, called to follow, serve and love you. ...

Empower us by your Spirit we ask. Give us insight to see what you are already doing. Give us vision to see what you want us to do. Give us humility to serve without complaint in whatever tasks are before us. Give us courage to testify to your goodness and faithfulness..... Transform us, we ask. May your kingdom come, here on earth, as it is in heaven. Amen"