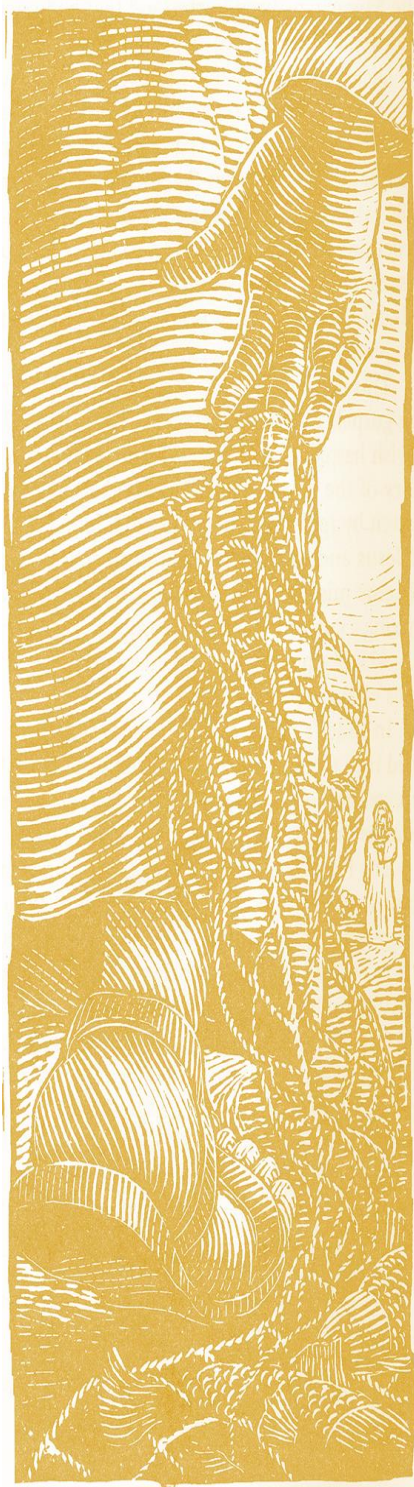


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**Priest:** *As we pray, let the Word of God, which we have heard,  
be the foundation of our faith, the nourishment of our hope,  
and the leaven of our character.*

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**Reader:** For all, who in the whole world today,  
are driven from their homes: women, children,  
men; mothers and fathers, grandparents  
and the aged; may we recognize them  
as sisters and brothers  
see in them the face and hope of Christ  
and with open arms welcome them to our land.  
Let us pray:

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** For an end to words of hate, prejudice and  
rejection; may the ugliness and terror of racism  
and “separation” be named and overcome  
by all who believe that the “Spirit of Christ”  
has made us all members of his one body.  
Let us pray:

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** For all who bear the burden of hatred,  
and threats of deportation,  
especially refugees, immigrants, “dreamers”  
and the many who long for a new home  
in this country:  
May our memory and celebration  
of Martin Luther King inspire renewed dedication  
for the work of justice and equality. Let us pray:

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** For all whom God has called to eternal life,  
especially the deceased members of the David Holly family.  
May all the dead be embraced in the loving mercy of God.  
Let us pray:

ALL: LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

**Reader:** For the intentions inscribed in this Book of Intercession.  
May the prayer of one become the prayer of the whole Church.  
**Let us pray:**  
**ALL:** LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

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**CONCLUDING PRAYER**

**From our earliest days, O God,  
you call us by name.**

**Make our ears attentive to your voice,  
our spirits eager to respond,  
that, having heard you in Jesus  
your anointed one,  
we may draw others to be his disciples.**

**We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever.**

**ALL:** AMEN © 1997 ICEL Ordinary time2B

