

# Prayer of Confession – Forgive Us Our Unbelief

God our Maker, we are your creatures;  
at night we grow weary;  
in the morning you restore our strength.

God our Savior, we are the ones you rescue  
from aimless wandering and despair.

God our Keeper, we are the ones you protect  
from our own good intentions  
and our foolish, self-centered dreams.

We are yours—  
fragile, finite, vulnerable.

Merciful God,  
we fail to love those we know  
with a tender and sturdy love.

We fail to love those we do not know  
with generosity and compassion.

We fail to perceive your image in our enemies.

Merciful God, we want to perceive as you perceive.

Merciful God,  
we become impatient when things do not go our way  
instead of persevering in faith and hope.

We put our trust in earthly power and material wealth  
instead of trusting you.

Forgive us our unbelief.

Amen.

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