## **Prayer – For Pride Month (June)**

God of love and light and life,

We come to you because we want to embody your love.

We come to you because we need you to light our way.

We come to you because we seek to live our lives in you.

Thank you for each LGBTQ+ sibling in faith, among us and around us.

Thank you for the rainbow gifts of queerness to your Church and to your world.

As we build diverse community together, in your image,

we ask that you call each of us by name, so that we might follow.

Show us the kaleidoscope of your grace,

colourful, beautiful, and always giving us new perspectives.

Lead us toward the horizon of your love,

always just a little further, a little wider, a little beyond what we thought we knew.

Open our hands to the wind of your Spirit,

felt but uncontrollable,

trusted but undefinable,

around us and within our very breath.

We release ourselves to you,

to your Spirit,

to your love,

to your grace,

and pray that we might be witnesses of your Spirit,

agents of your love,

and instruments of your grace,

now and in the days to come.

We pray all of this, and all of our unspoken prayers within us, in Jesus' name. Amen.

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