

Here we are, in this place, in the now, here, and now.

We long to be near to You, but the gulf of where we are keeps us apart.

You invite us to come closer, and we are afraid to let go of all that holds us.

We long but stand still on the edge, not sure, can we let go fully and trust you?

We know the things that hold us down, make our feet heavy and sluggish.

We know the emptiness of our inner well that is even too thirsty to make different choices.

We know our dried-out parts like scaly skin, longing for some moisture and comfort.

We know our fears, like a heavy weight on our shoulders, that keep us looking down.

We know our anxieties and shame that rots within our guts of the things we do unwillingly.

We hold our deeper knowing and hear the invitation to come, to leap with joy, and dance and sing.

We are stuck yet,

You know our longings and come to us,

You surround us with love,

You remind us that you accompany us in all that we are and do,

You remind us that our very own breath is a gift of life,

You warm our shoulders with love and lighten our load,

You calm the raging sea of doubts and thoughts with love,

You embrace all that we bring to you with incredible love that has no words,

We do not know how to even receive this love; it is too much.

We pause for a moment and say thank you for the love that binds us to you, like branches to a vine, connected, joined, together.

We ask for grace to receive love and come with You to where you lead us.

We ask for grace fill the emptiness that fully embraces our path and destiny.

We ask for grace to stand up and allow uncertainty to be our friend on this journey.

We ask for grace to still our fears and know that love carries us.

We ask for grace to take the risk and surrender our lives to you.

We ask for grace to receive love as a choice to love You.

We thank you for coming to us, each moment in time as an immense gift of life and love.

May we know the immeasurable love of God, higher than the sky, deeper than any ocean, wider than the world around us. Amen.