

Litany of Remembrance and Lament, Healing and Hope

From Enriching our Worship 5

Compassionate God, Father of our Savior Jesus Christ, you know our deepest pain and sorrow. Behold the anguish of our broken dreams, and let our cry come to you.

I.

Leader: We are crushed, afraid, and overwhelmed by what we cannot understand.

People: Living God, be with us in our pain.

Leader: We are weary of weeping, sick with despair, aching with emptiness.

People: Living God, be with us in our pain.

Leader: We are confused and angry, but you do not answer.

People: Living God, be with us in our pain.

Leader: Our bodies cannot rise or rest, our hearts are like stones.

People: Living God, be with us in our pain.

V.

Leader: Send your Holy Spirit to renew our broken hearts.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Forgive our despair, fill us with hope, and teach us to trust in your goodness.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Grant us patience with you, ourselves, and one another.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Help us to know your never-failing care.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Deliver us from past hurts, and help us understand your will for us.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Turn our grief into compassion for others and for ourselves.

People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: Release us from fear, renew us in love, rekindle our hopes.
People: Lord of Love, save us and help us.

Leader: In all things, renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as children
of God.
People: Amen.