



## SPIRIT OF GOD

Spirit of God,  
you are the breath of creation,  
the wind of change  
that blows through our lives,  
opening us up to new dreams and new hopes,  
new life in Jesus Christ.

Forgive us our closed minds  
which barricade themselves  
against new ideas,  
preferring the past  
to what you might want to do through us tomorrow.

Forgive our closed eyes  
which fail to see the needs of your world,  
blind to opportunities of service and love.

Forgive our closed hands  
which clutch our gifts and our wealth  
for our own use alone.

Forgive us our closed hearts  
which limit our affections to ourselves  
and our own.

Spirit of new life,  
forgive us and break down  
the prison walls of our selfishness,  
that we might be open to your love  
and open for the service of your world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**AMEN.**