

Parish Prayer

God our heavenly Father,
make the door of our parish Church

wide enough to receive
all who need human love and fellowship
and a Father's care,

and narrow enough
to shut out all envy, pride, and lack of love:

here may the tempted find help,
the sorrowing receive comfort,
the careless be awakened to repentance,
and the penitent be assured of your mercy;

and here may all your children
renew their strength
and go on their way in hope and joy.

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