

**Prayer for the Church at Work**

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Guard your church, O God  
From illusions of grandeur  
From obeisance to power  
From vanity that demands notice

Guard your church, O God  
From certainty that exterminates novelty  
From uncertainty that precludes action  
From neutrality that blesses what is

Guard your church, O God  
From arrogance that speaks for others  
From dalliance that trivializes agony  
From advocacy that tinkers at transformation

Guard your church, O God  
From cowardice during times of contention  
From capitulation to threats without and within  
From charity that perpetuates inequality

Guard your church, O God  
From pity that precludes partnership  
From heroics that disintegrate democracy  
From procedure that prolongs injustice

Guard your church, O God  
Awaken us in mercy  
Strengthen us in crucifixion  
Forge us in resurrection

That we may give  
Though it make us insecure

That we may depend  
Though it offend our pride

That we may challenge  
Though it cost our reputation

That we may hope  
Though it seems unreasonable

That we may love  
Though scorn feels righteous

That we may build  
Though tearing down be expedient

That we may speak  
Though silence would be safer

That we may venture  
Though we may not see the end

Guard your church, O God. In the strong name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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