

Praying as Baptists Together

Covenant God

You have called us to be Baptists Together
Together with each other
Together with all your people
Together with you.
Together with all whose lives are marred by this
world's brokenness,
And for whose salvation you came.

Help us we pray,
To walk together well
Through a world of challenge and growing despair,
Yet daring to believe that your presence and
purpose can be found
Even in those things that disturb and disrupt our
settled lives.

You have called us to be a people
Defined by your immeasurable love
Watching over each other
As we walk in ways known
And ways yet unknown

Forgive us for when we have pursued our own
interests
At the expense of seeking your ways
When we have found it easier to compound our
divisions
Rather than draw on the riches of your grace.

Amidst all this world's confusion,
Empower us by your Spirit,
To hold fast to the timeless truths that define and
sustain us
With hearts that seek your heart
In the face of new realities that we encounter.

We pray for one another
As we pursue our shared calling
To be communities of hope in this troubled world.
A hope that is founded
Not on our power to change or even understand
But through faith in your unfailing goodness
Your heavenly reign and immeasurable love
And through knowing that your Kingdom will remain
When earthly schemes have run their course.

Help us to be a true sign of hope to this world
Help us to share your love together
Discern your paths together
To follow your purposes,
Display your likeness
Embody your Gospel
And truly live together
As the people you have called us to be.

Through Christ our Lord and Saviour
Amen