

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Lord, our God Almighty Transformer and Creator
Your image is seen in the faces of men and women
gathered before you with pleas of despair
and with hearts filled with hope.

Gracious God, your church has experienced the pangs
of birth and its infancy on the shores of the Mediterranean.
Be with your church as it continues its growth
across the world into adulthood and full unity.

We pray for your gift of transformation.
Revive in us a spirit of community.
Mould our thoughts into ones of love.
Instill in us a sense of your
peace and reconciliation.

Give us the courage and resilience to accept transformation
For ourselves and for others For the ones who suffer
and those who inflict suffering For the victims
and the perpetrators and for all your people.

In a world filled with violence and hatred
give us the courage to sow love and harmony.
In a world rampant with discrimination and inequity,
grow among us the seeds of unity and
the foresight to see and resolve our divisions.

Prepare our hearts, minds and hands to reap your harvest.

Amen.