

Greetings St. Paul Lutheran Church!

Sunday is Mother's Day. I saw this prayer on Facebook and thought it would be nice to share it this week. I vaguely remember hearing some controversy around it years ago. It is considered a Womanist prayer. Womanist theology is a genre of theology that focuses on feminine imagery of God. It also often puts women and even more specifically black women in the center. Because the Lord's Prayer is so sacred to many, the idea of changing was upsetting to some. I find it challenging and beautiful to take something we know by heart and tweak to speak to us in a new way.



This is the Womanist version of the Jesus Prayer by Yolanda Norton.

*Our Mother, who is in heaven and within us,
we call upon your names.
Your wisdom come.
Your will be done, in all the spaces in which you dwell.
Give us each day sustenance and perseverance.
Remind us of our limits,
as we give grace to the limits of others.
Separate us from the temptation of the empire,
and deliver us into community.
For you are the dwelling place within us, the empowerment around us,
and the celebration among us, now and forever.
Amen.*

(A Womanist translation)