**A LITANY OF BEING GOD'S INSTRUMENT OF GOODNESS**

Response: God who sings through us, we thank you.

For the talents and the abundance of gifts that are ours...
For the faith that stirs and grows in our hearts...
For the many people who have been your instruments of goodness in our lives...
for the moments when we have known the song of your presence in a special way...
For the times when your goodness has made music through us...

Pause
Response: God of goodness, help us to trust in you.

When fear rises up in us and we do not believe in our ability to be your instrument...
When the busyness and schedules of our lives press upon us and create questions about your song within us...
When we doubt your presence in the difficult aspects of our days...
When we lose sight of the truth that we are called to instruments of goodness...
When emptiness, loneliness, and other struggles keep us from hearing your melody of love...

Pause
Response: God of love, sing your song through us.

As we grow in believing in our goodness...
As we allow more and more of whom we are to be influenced by your presence...
As the song of your love grows in us and the call to be your instruments become clearer to us...
As we struggle to know how and when to share our gifts and goodness with others...
As we go forth from here with the desire to be your instruments of love...

Pause
Leader: For whom and what should we bring to our prayer today...
Leader: gathering all our prayers into one, we say Our Father...

All: God, we celebrate your steady love though the ages. Make us faithful to your call to seek out and help those in need, to bring unity where there is discord and division, to use our talents generously, to serve all without distinction, treating everyone as a dear neighbor, to live and work with gentleness, peace and joy. Impelled by your persistent and sustaining love, we ask for boldness to live your will in this time and place. Amen.

Closing prayer: "Glory is to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine." (Eph. 3:21)

All: AMEN