

# God of Change

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God of Change,

This is a time of great peril and great promise.  
Inspire us with hope and energy to fulfill the promise  
of our time.

Those who work in United Church missions make our  
concern for the hungry and homeless real.  
Help us support those workers to follow Jesus'  
example, instead of the prevailing wisdom of the day.



We pray for all vulnerable people hurt by institutions intended to help them.

We pray for family and friends who suffer illness and loss:  
Shelley Finson, Diane Tingley, Leni Groesveld and our moderator Robert Giuliano.  
For Pat MacDonald's sister, Lynn, for Carol Ann's sister - Linda, for the family of Mildred  
Conrad in their loss, her husband Wilfred and sister in law, Muriel Conrad.

In silence we raise our concerns to you.

Loving God, you stick with us through change.  
We give thanks for the implementation of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.  
Help us listen to the stories of Residential School survivors with sympathetic hearts.  
Let the truth move us to change.

Thank you for the good work of the Futuring Team. We remember and bless St. John's past.  
We accept and come to relish our differences.  
The learning sessions opened a door into St John's for newcomers. We give thanks for that  
welcome.

Creator God, you make all things new. We say that you are our ROCK but even the rocks change  
according to your law.

Help us see your law at work when things fall apart in our lives, in the world.  
Lead us back with your commandments.

Renew our trust in you.  
Amen