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*Leader:* Faithful God, remember your covenant with us. We are people familiar with forgetfulness. We confess our lack of faith, our inability to remember your faithfulness to Israel. Convict us of sin. Free us from our idolatry. Save us from the gods of this land that so easily ensnare us.

*All: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, redeem us, your people.*

*Leader:* God of Israel, save us from ourselves. You invite us to rest in your faithfulness, yet we refuse you and turn to our own gods, images of our own desires, human creations that give life to the evils hidden in our depths. O faithful God, turn from your anger and save us from our destruction. In your mercy, redeem your people.

*All: Almighty God, raise us to life through your Son.*

*Leader:* LORD our God, we long to see you face-to-face. Look upon us with favor and rescue your scattered sheep. God of Israel, gather all of us into your promised land, the kingdom of your beloved Son. As we look forward to the advent of your Son, may your Holy Spirit light a path of servanthood where we learn to see you in “the least of these.” For the greatest in your kingdom is the servant, the servant unto death, the slain Lamb.

*All: Come Lord Jesus, Light to the Nations, Emmanuel, the long awaited promised One.*

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