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Peg Let's begin our prayer together

Patty In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Peg God, come to my assistance.

Patty Lord, make haste to help me.

Peg Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Patty As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.



Patty            The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;  
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your  
faithfulness,

Peg              For you have said, "My kindness is established forever";  
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

Patty            "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to David my servant:

Peg              Forever will I confirm your posterity  
and establish your throne for all generations."



Patty

"I shall say of the Lord, 'You are my father,  
my God, the Rock, my savior.'

Peg

Forever I will maintain my kindness toward the Lord,  
and my covenant with God stands firm."

Peg

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit;

Patty

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be  
forever. Amen.



Peg

God is our refuge and our strength,  
an ever-present help in distress.

Patty

Therefore we fear not, though the earth be shaken  
and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.

Peg

There is a stream whose runlets gladden the city of  
God, the holy dwelling of the Most High.

Patty

God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed;  
God will help it at the break of dawn.



Peg

The LORD of hosts is with us;  
our stronghold is the God of Jacob.

Patty

Come! behold the deeds of the LORD,  
the astounding things he has wrought on earth.

Peg

The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.

Patty

When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress God rescues them.



Peg

The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
and those who are crushed in spirit God saves.

Patty

Many are the troubles of the just ones,  
but out of them all the LORD delivers them.

Peg  
servants.;

The Lord watches over all the bones of God's  
not one of them shall be broken.

Patty

The LORD redeems the lives of God's servants;  
no one incurs guilt who takes refuge in the Lord



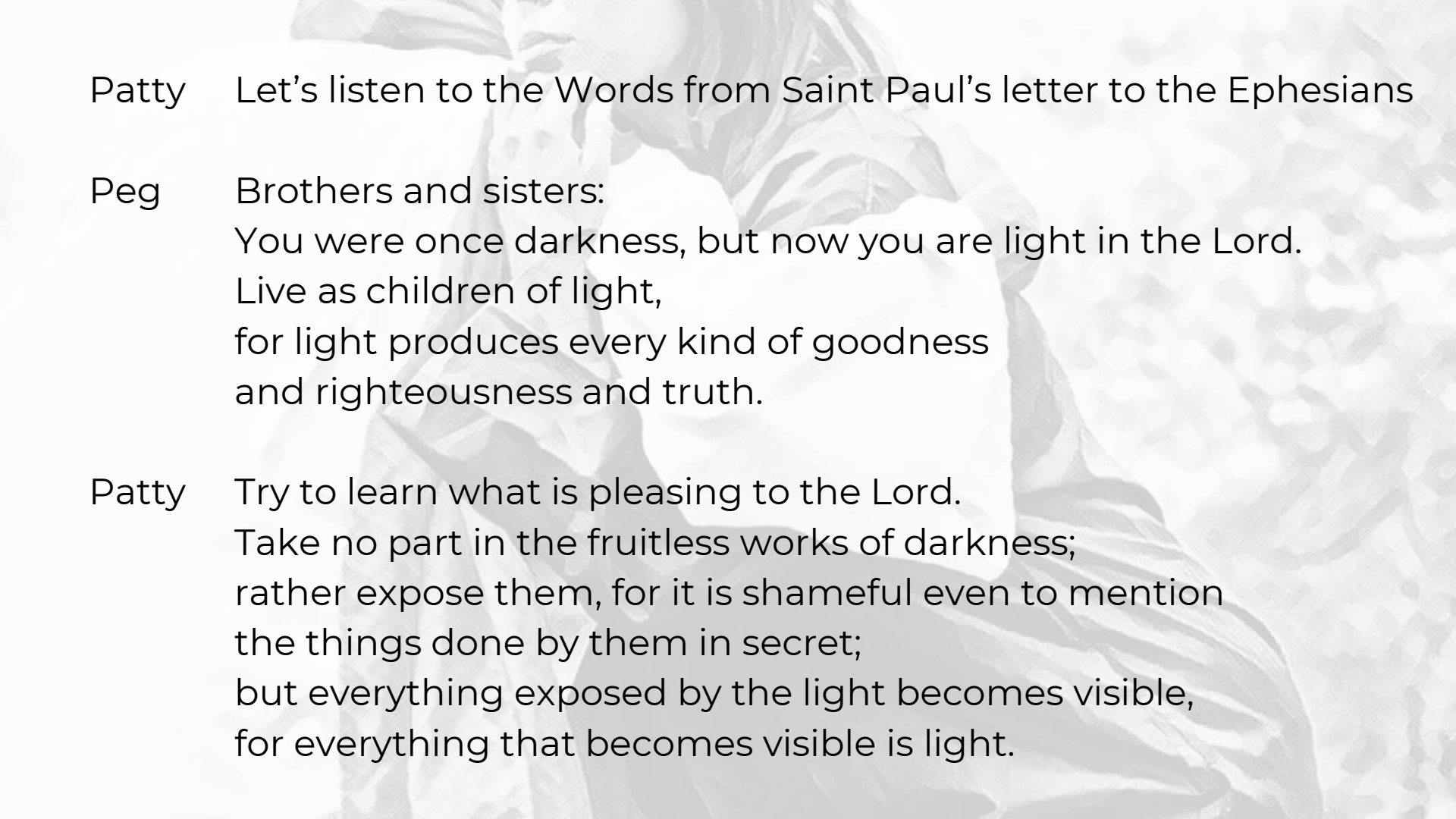


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Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

Patty

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.  
Amen.



Patty Let's listen to the Words from Saint Paul's letter to the Ephesians

Peg Brothers and sisters:  
You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord.  
Live as children of light,  
for light produces every kind of goodness  
and righteousness and truth.

Patty Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord.  
Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness;  
rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention  
the things done by them in secret;  
but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,  
for everything that becomes visible is light.



Peg

Therefore, it says:  
"Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will give you light."

***Observe a moment of silence for individual reflection***



Peg

Let us pray

Patty

Loving and tender providence of my God

Peg

Into your hands I commend my spirit

Patty

To you I abandon my hopes and fears

Peg

my desires and repugnances

Patty

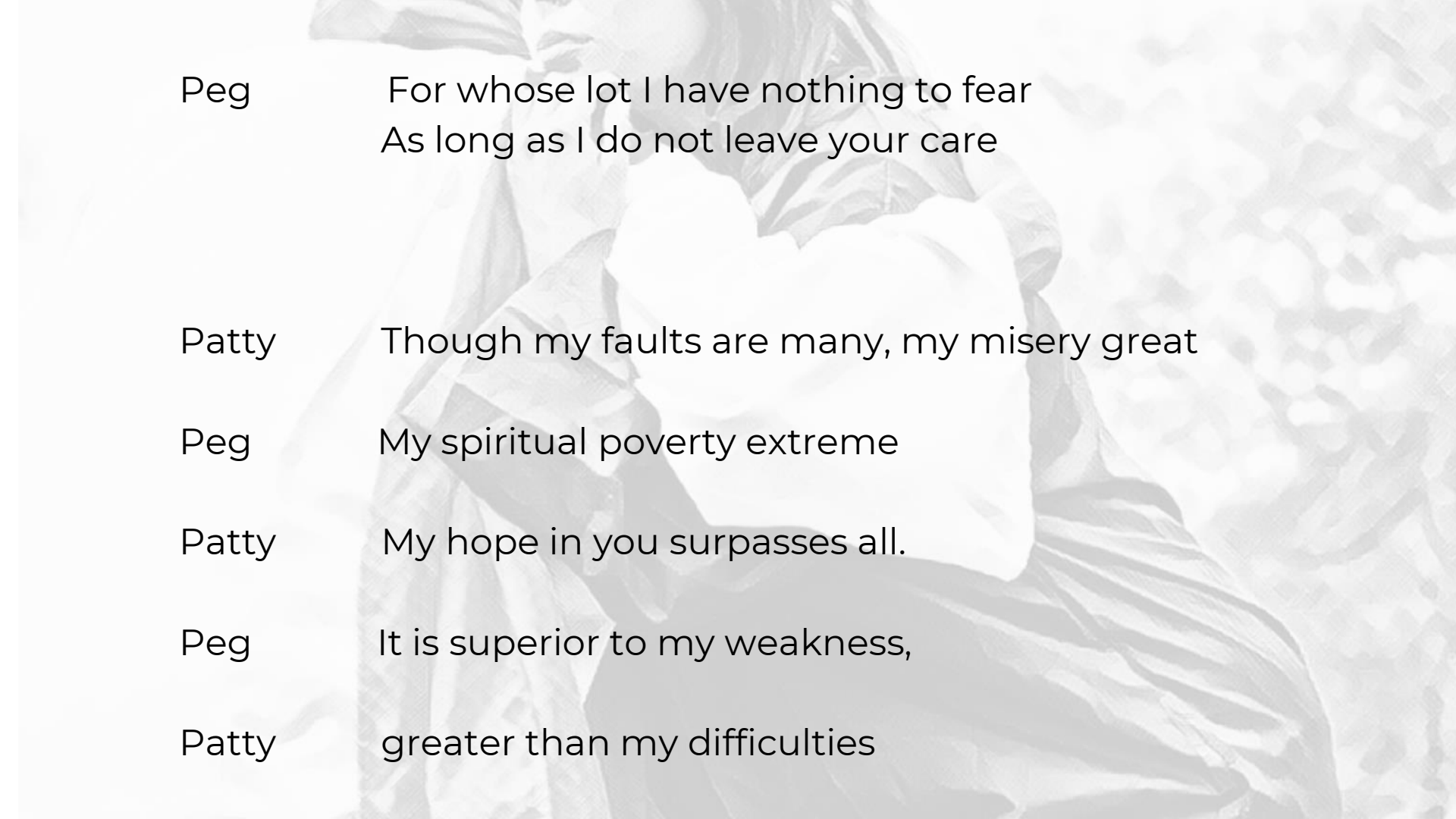
my temporal and eternal prospects

Peg

To you I commit the wants of my perishable body

Patty

To you I commit the more precious interests of my  
immortal soul



Peg            For whose lot I have nothing to fear  
As long as I do not leave your care

Patty            Though my faults are many, my misery great

Peg            My spiritual poverty extreme

Patty            My hope in you surpasses all.

Peg            It is superior to my weakness,

Patty            greater than my difficulties



Peg Stronger than death

Patty Though temptations should assail me,  
I hope in you

Peg Though I break my resolutions,  
I will look to you confidently for grace to keep them at last.

Patty Though you should ask me to die  
Even then I will trust in you,

Peg For you are my God,  
The support of my salvation.



Patty      You are kind, compassionate, and indulgent parents

Peg      and I am your devoted children,  
who cast ourselves into your arms and begs your blessings.

Patty      I put my trust in you,  
And so trusting, shall not be confounded.

Peg      Amen

*St. Claude de Colombière SJ*

## GRACE TO ASK FOR

Vision, courage, and patience

### SCRIPTURES

#### **1 John 4:10**

“In this is love: not that we have loved god, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.

#### **Is 49:8-15.**

In the context of bringing beloved people home, God responds to our objections and disbelief: “But Zion said, ‘The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.’ Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.”

## QUESTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL EXERCISES

As light of the word, Jesus our brother, friend and redeemer can shed light on those areas of darkness within myself and in relationships with others. What happens when I invite Jesus to illuminate any blindness in me?

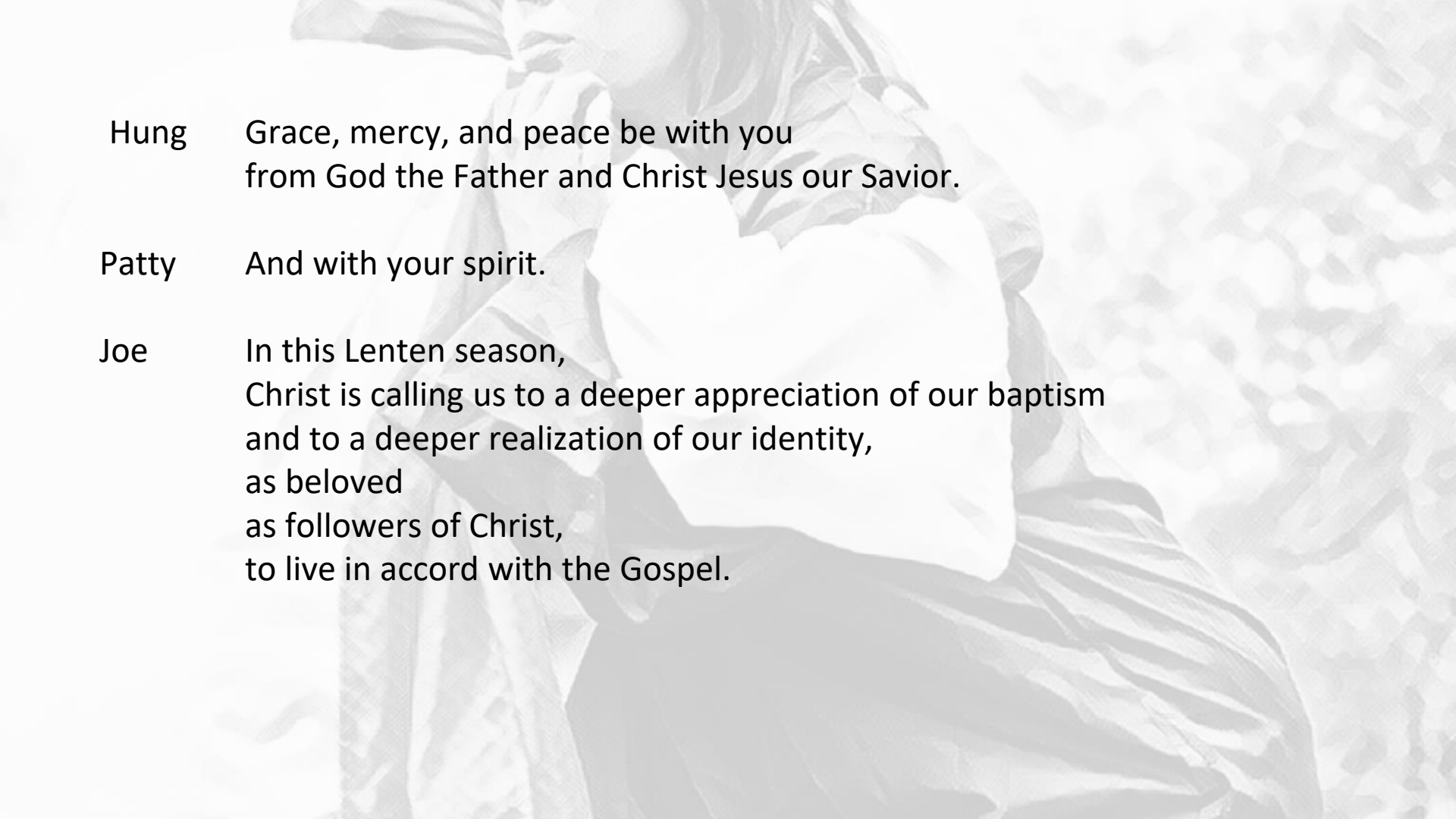
Taking this statement by Jesus seriously, “While I am in the world, I am the light of the world,” in what concrete situation and in what ways is Jesus still present in the world lighting the way through your experience of reconciliation?



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Hung      Grace, mercy, and peace be with you  
from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Patty      And with your spirit.

Joe      In this Lenten season,  
Christ is calling us to a deeper appreciation of our baptism  
and to a deeper realization of our identity,  
as beloved  
as followers of Christ,  
to live in accord with the Gospel.



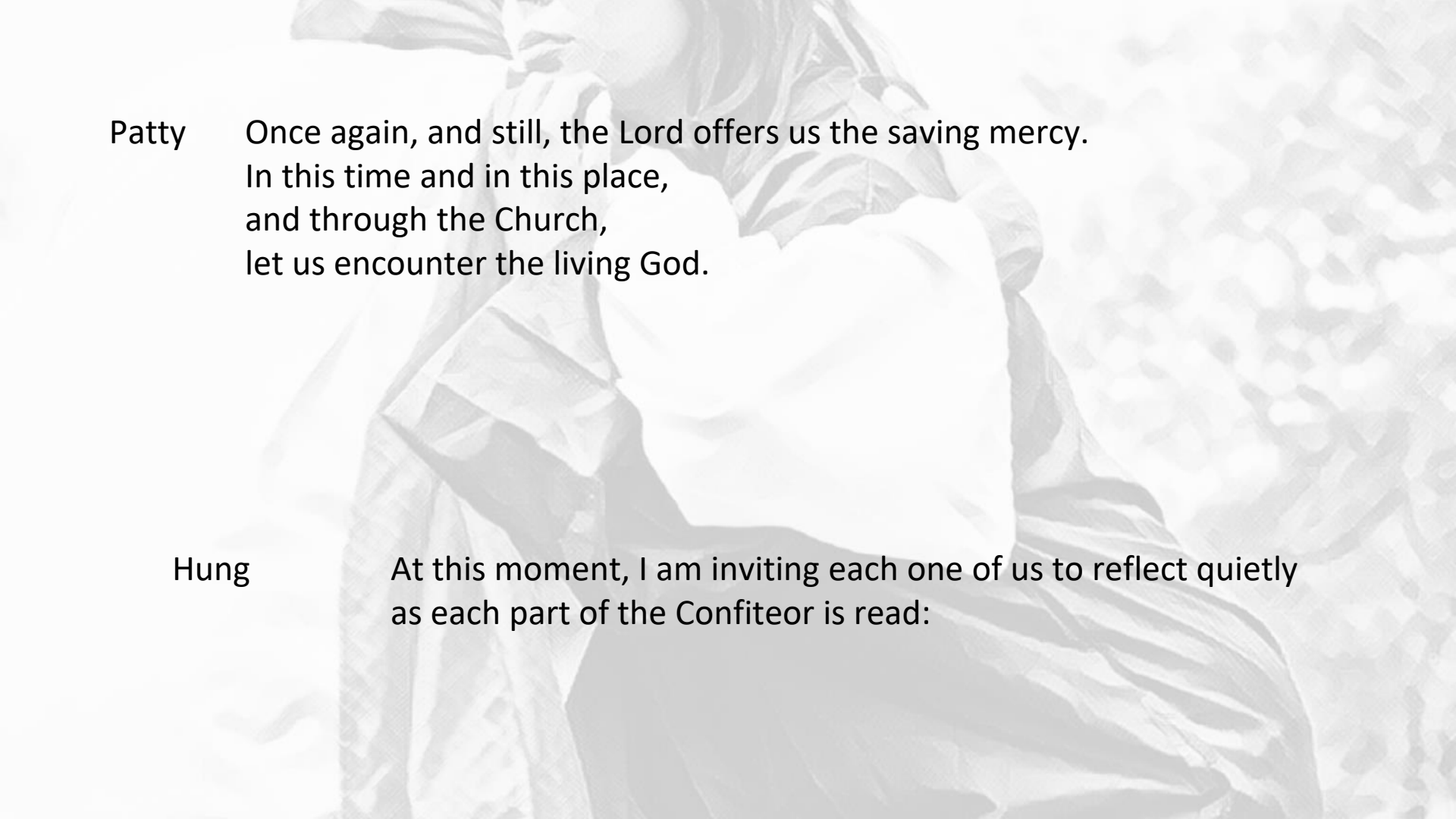
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Too often, we have failed to do this.

In our sinfulness, we have pursued greed instead of holiness,  
satisfied individual needs instead of the common good,  
focused on the famous instead of the outcast,  
practiced indifference instead of empathy,  
and listened to countless voices instead of the words of Jesus.

Jim

In this moment, Jesus has called each of us to the grace of  
reconciliation,  
in order to be reminded of  
how good it is to serve those in need,  
how right it is to follow the law of the Lord,  
and how holy it can be to die to self so that others may live.



Patty      Once again, and still, the Lord offers us the saving mercy.  
In this time and in this place,  
and through the Church,  
let us encounter the living God.

Hung      At this moment, I am inviting each one of us to reflect quietly  
as each part of the Confiteor is read:



Patty **I CONFESS TO ALMIGHTY GOD**

Joe Do I sincerely want to be set free from sin and turn again to God?  
Do I seek a deeper relationship with God?

Peg **AND TO YOU, MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

Jim Do I have a genuine love for my family and friends, neighbors and co-workers?  
Have I contributed to the well-being and happiness of others at home?  
Am I aware of my global relationship to those suffering  
and dying in other parts of the world?  
Am I committed to seek peace and promote justice for every person?



Hung **THAT I HAVE GREATLY SINNED**

Patty Do I blame others for my wrongdoing or for the misfortune that befalls me?  
Do I accept responsibility for the commitments I have made to others – my spouse?  
My parents? My children? My community?  
Do I accept that society's evils are within my power to change?

Joe **IN MY THOUGHTS AND IN MY WORDS**

Peg Have I harbored ill thoughts against another person?  
Have my addictions affected my judgment or behavior?  
Have my fears or prejudices prevented me from speaking out on behalf of the poor,  
the unborn, or people of other races?  
Have my words caused others hurt? Has my silence caused others harm?



Jim      **IN WHAT I HAVE DONE**

Hung      Do I seek to be the center of attention? Have I imposed my will on others without respecting their needs or freedoms?  
Am I focused on my needs to the detriment of the needs of others?  
Am I obsessed with having the perfect body, making more money, or having the latest technology?  
Do I need to be in control of all people and all situations?  
Do I work more than is healthy for my mind or body?

Patty      **AND IN WHAT I HAVE FAILED TO DO**

Joe      Have I neglected my responsibilities to my family? ▪ Have I neglected my health?  
Have I neglected my prayer life and faith?  
Do I use the earth's resources wisely?



Peg **THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY FAULT, THROUGH MY MOST GREIVIOUS FAULT**

Jim Do I recognize my own sins?  
Does my ego or my self-righteousness prevent me from seeing my own errors?  
Do I blame broken relationships on others?

Hung **THEREFORE I ASK BLESSED MARY, EVER-VIRGIN, AND ALL THE ANGELS AND SAINTS**

Patty Do I appreciate the great gift of the Eucharist?  
Do I worship with my Community each and every Sunday?  
Do I reflect often on what God is calling me to do?



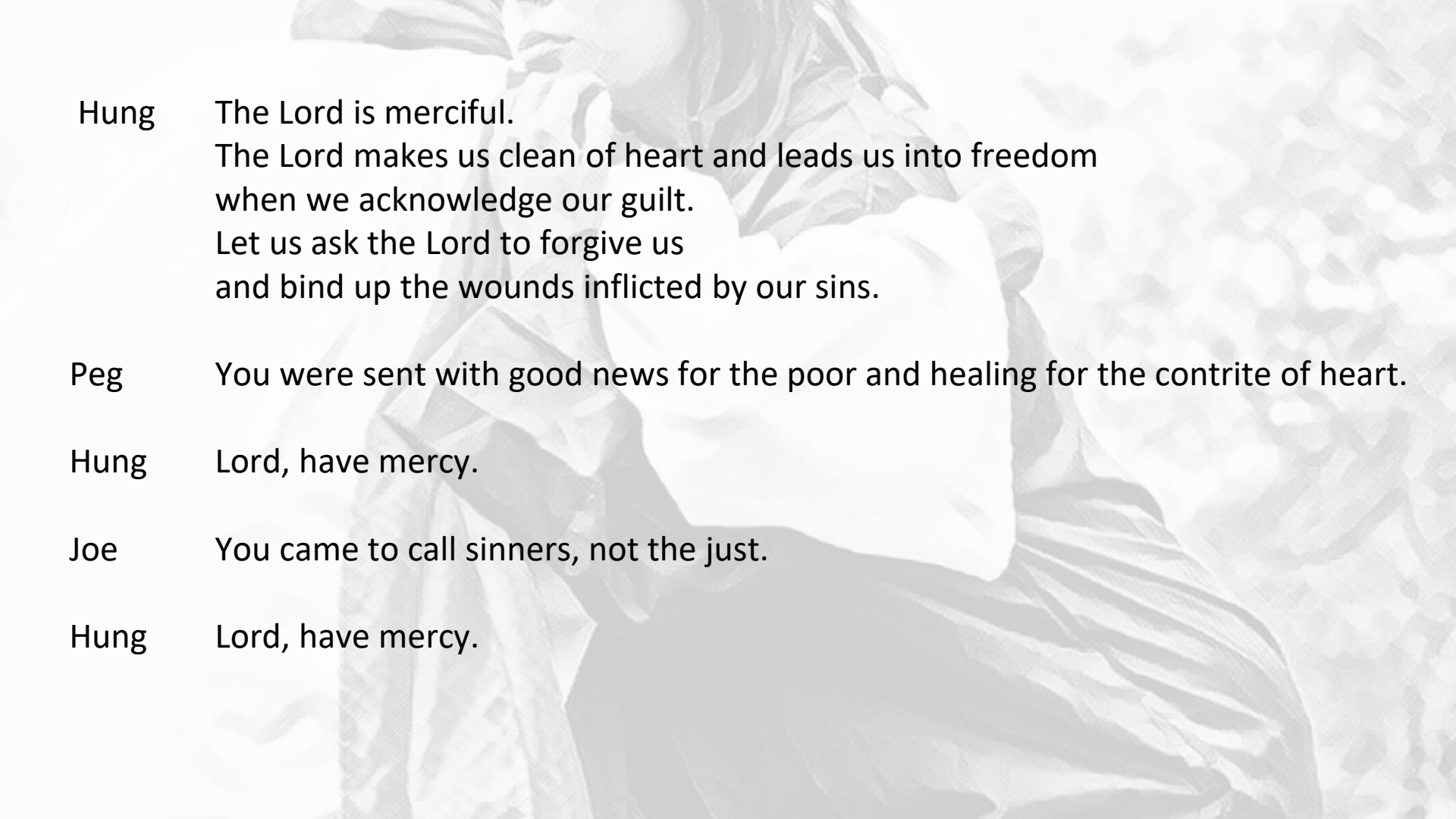


Joe      **AND YOU MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS**

Peg      Am I so independent that I refuse to ask for help or let others assist me?  
Do I support and defend other members of my family?  
Do I give others the opportunity to share their gifts and talents?  
Do I treat those who wait on me, or who work with me, with the dignity they  
deserve as fellow human beings?

Jim      **TO PRAY FOR ME TO THE LORD OUR GOD.**

Patty      Do I promise prayers for people and situations and not follow through?  
Do I remember to pray for others?  
Do I pray for the living and the dead?



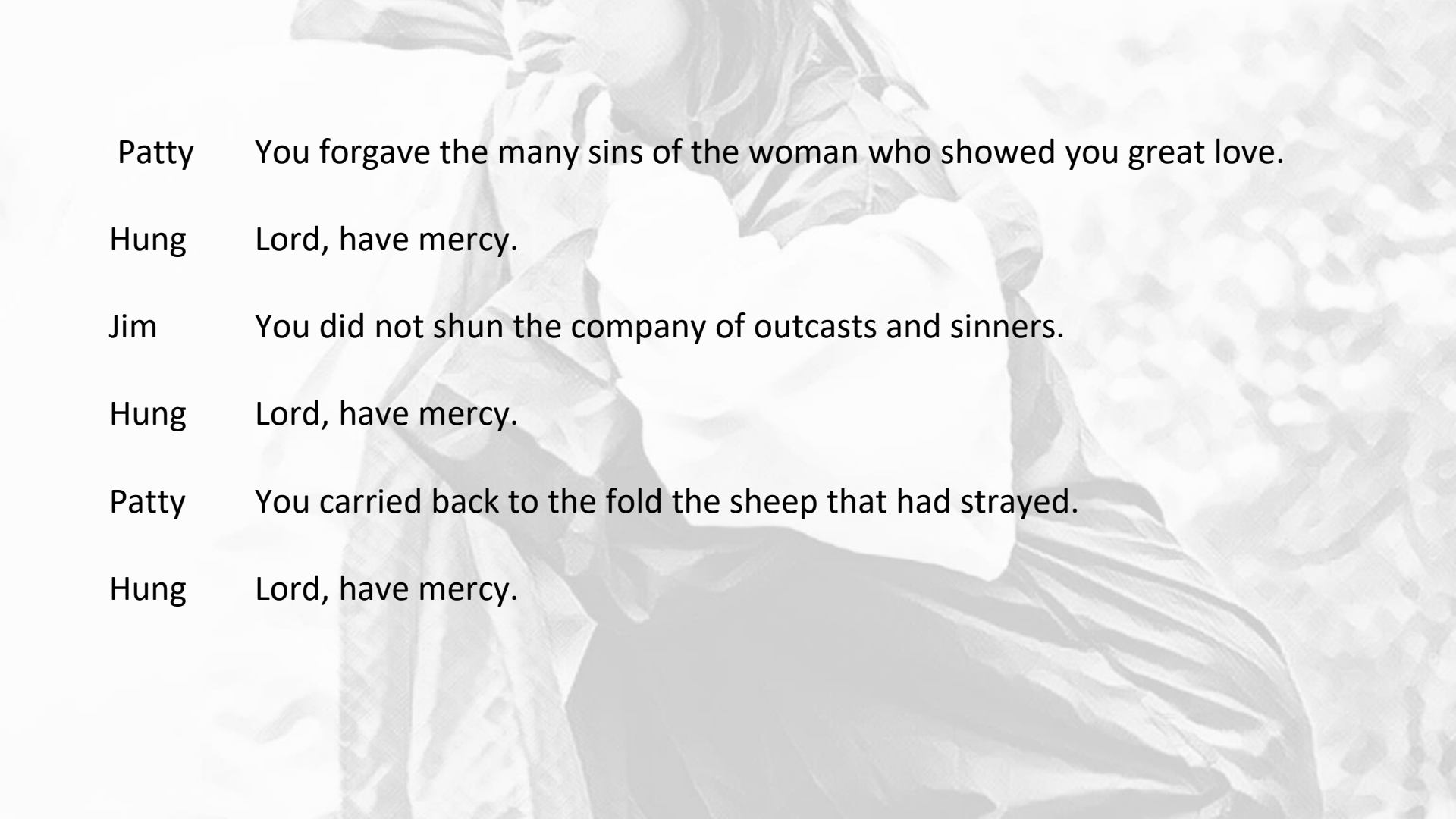
Hung     The Lord is merciful.  
The Lord makes us clean of heart and leads us into freedom  
when we acknowledge our guilt.  
Let us ask the Lord to forgive us  
and bind up the wounds inflicted by our sins.

Peg     You were sent with good news for the poor and healing for the contrite of heart.

Hung     Lord, have mercy.

Joe     You came to call sinners, not the just.

Hung     Lord, have mercy.



Patty You forgave the many sins of the woman who showed you great love.

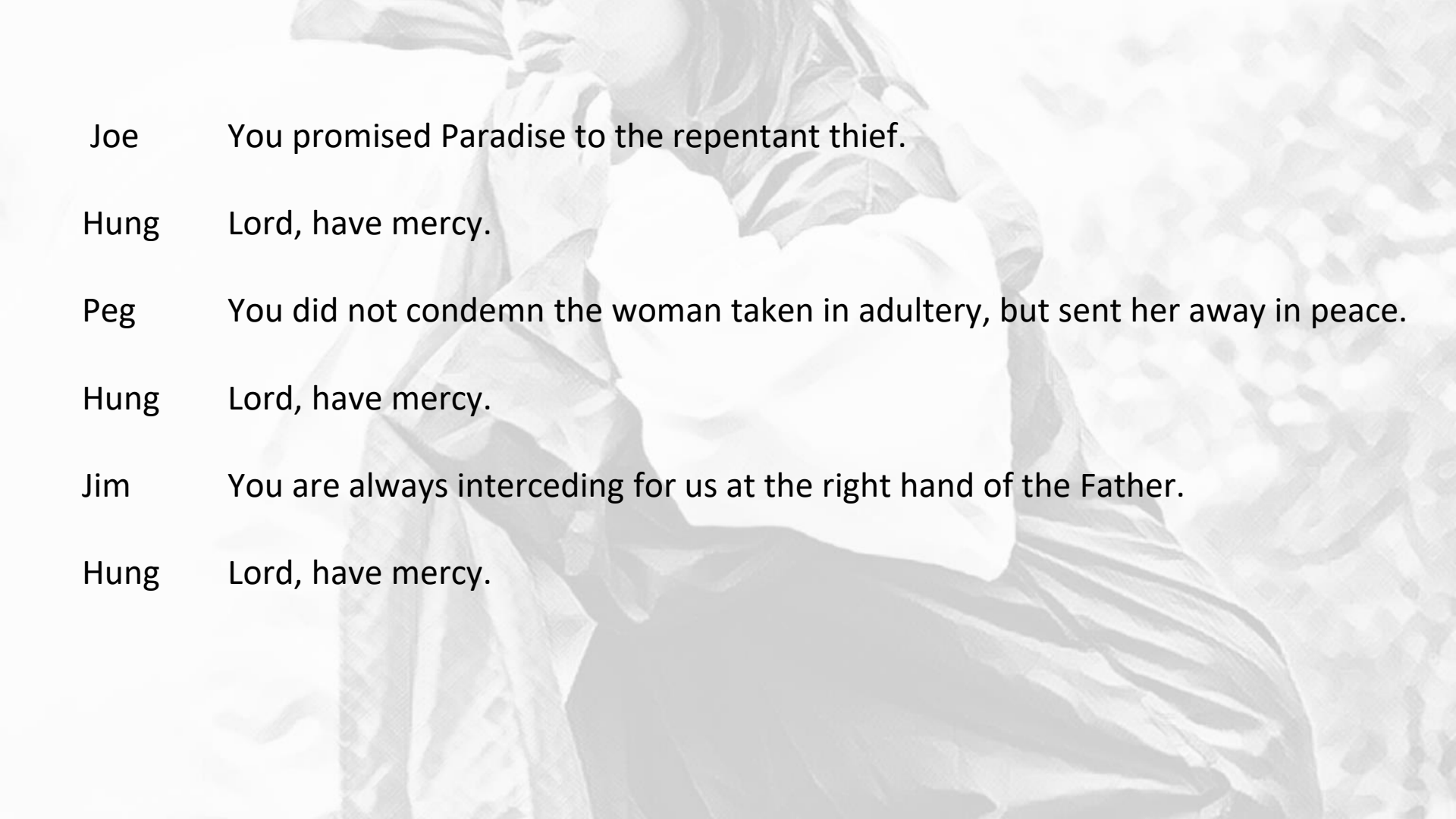
Hung Lord, have mercy.

Jim You did not shun the company of outcasts and sinners.

Hung Lord, have mercy.

Patty You carried back to the fold the sheep that had strayed.

Hung Lord, have mercy.



Joe You promised Paradise to the repentant thief.

Hung Lord, have mercy.

Peg You did not condemn the woman taken in adultery, but sent her away in peace.

Hung Lord, have mercy.

Jim You are always interceding for us at the right hand of the Father.

Hung Lord, have mercy.