



Opening ourselves to being shaped by God

Opening Prayer

God, you are always at work in our lives.
Sometimes it seems you call us beyond
what we consider to be our limits.
Open us to trust you, God.
Open us to entrust ourselves
and all our doings and goings to you.
We rest in you.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 18: 3-6

So I went down to the potter's house; and there he was, working at the wheel. But the vessel he was making came out wrong, as may happen with clay when a potter is at work. So he began again and shaped it into another vessel as he thought fit.

- Reader 1:*** We come before you, Lord, as a people shaped in the hands of life, each in a different way.
- Reader 2:*** We are like a ball of clay made up of many unique particles waiting to be shaped and moulded in the hands of the potter.
- Reader 3:*** Your hands, Lord, begin their work of moulding our lives, which are bound up with the lives of those around us. Each person is like a particle of clay encountering and shaping the other. Most of the time we are unclear what is happening – only you, the potter, know clearly.
- Reader 4:*** Your hands open us, making our horizons broader like the waves of the sea, creating space within us.
- Reader 5:*** Gently, but deliberately, with the hands of an artist inspired by a vision, you, the potter, work on us....we begin to yield to your touch and trust that deep within us, you see the potential to form vessels to draw others to their full potential as Christians and as ministers. Together we can then pour out your giftedness to those in need.

Closing Prayer

Melt us, mould us, mould us and fashion us
into the image of Jesus your son,
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen