



*Most of us spend so much time thinking about where we have been or where we are supposed to be going that we have a hard time recognizing where we actually are.*

*When someone asks us where we want to be in our lives, the last thing that occurs to us is to look down at our feet and say, "Here, I guess, since this is where I am."  
- Barbara Brown Taylor in [An Altar in the World](#)*

Food for thought - and prayer...

I know, Lord,  
I haven't always walked the path  
you charted for me  
  
and I also know  
I might not yet be walking  
the road you have in mind for me

still

no matter where I've been  
or where I may be heading  
I know you're at my side, Lord,  
forgiving and correcting  
all the wrong turns I have taken  
and showing me the path  
your Spirit beckons me to follow...

Where I am, Lord, there you are:  
you meet me in the moment,  
not the past nor in the future  
but in today, where I live  
with my doubts and with my faith,  
all my sorrows and my joys,  
my disappointments and my dreams

in the midst of it all, Lord,  
there you are:

you with me and I with you  
and in that very place  
is where I always want to be...Amen.



*We spend a good deal of our time waiting, hoping and praying.  
We wait for news and pray it will be good.  
We hope for healing and pray it will come soon.  
We pray for answers and to understand them when they come.  
Here's a prayer for those who wait and hope and pray...*

Sometimes it seems you leave us hanging,  
Lord:

between tomorrow and today,  
the known and all that's unknown,  
between our fears and all our dreams

but there lies a simple truth  
between now and what's to be:  
all is in your hands, Lord,  
all is in your hands

while our hands fold  
and hold in prayer the hope  
you're leading us from tears and fears  
to peace, O Lord,  
the peace for which we long

and if peace be slow in coming  
help us fold our hands in yours  
and hold your strength as ours  
'til your plan for us unfolds and  
you hold us in your arms  
in that peace  
for which we wait and hope and pray...  
Amen.