**Diversity**

*1 Corinthians 12*

Father, in the Church,

in Your Body,

we flinch at our diversity.

How often we wish that others weren’t so painfully different than us!

If only “they” were as enlightened as we are!

But You remind us that diversity is a blessing,

a good and perfect gift

from You, our all-wise, all-loving Father.

How could we function as a Body without

tough bones,

angular elbows,

stretchy tendons, and

sensitive nerve cells?

Diversity enables us to

be who we need to be as a whole.

Diversity is given to

nurture our unity,

not destroy it.

We need each other!

We need our differences!

In the Body of Christ there is no place for

partisanship or

self-centered pride.

Individually, each of us is

small and

incomplete.

Only together,

only in our

head-spinning

ever-challenging variety

are we the Body of the glorious, universal Christ.

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