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**This morning we pray for people here,
for people we know and love, for ourselves,
who have our doubts.**

**We pray for all who wonder if You exist and
whether You are listening to our prayers,
who wonder what this whole community is about.**

We pray for people who doubt the purpose of life,
who wonder whether to end it all,
who face feelings of meaningless and despair.

**Even when we have that sinking feeling,
give us the wisdom to turn to You.**

Lord, we want to believe, help our unbelief!

**Give us faith, small as a mustard seed,
so that we can be Your faithful people,
believing in Your power to save,
believing in Your power to reign supreme,
believing that we can share this good news
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