Open Hands

A prayer based on the Heidelberg Catechism (Lord's Day 9 & 10)

Leader: God Our Father, we believe you are the creator of heaven and earth, and everything in them. Let us trust you
People: With Open Hands.

Leader: We marvel that You created the universe out of nothing and still uphold and rule it by Your eternal counsel and providence. Let us trust you
People: With Open Hands.

Leader: You are, because of Jesus, our God and Father too. And so, in a world of churning doubt, we trust you will provide whatever we need for body and soul. Let us trust you
People: With Open Hands.

Leader: In this sad and broken world, You promise to turn to our good whatever adversity you send us. You are able to do this because You are almighty God. And You desire to do this because You are a faithful Father. Let us trust you
People: With Open Hands.

Leader: With your ever-present power you uphold, as with your hand,
Heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rule them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty, employment and work, tasks and idleness—
all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by Your fatherly hand. Let us Trust you.
People: With Open Hands.

Leader: Trusting you, we can be patient when things go against us,
thankful when things go well and be confident that nothing can separate us from Your love. Our work is in Your hands. Without your will our noblest efforts fade away. And our toil is futile. But in your providential grace, our work will flourish.

Leader: Let us Trust you
People: With Open Hands.

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