God, Be

This responsive prayer could serve as a template for your own congregation and your own context. In what ways do you need God to be near you right now? What particular joys and sorrows are being brought to worship? This simple prayer could easily be adapted, including your prayers and petitions.

In our doubts and weaknesses:
God, be near us.
In our darkest and lowest valleys:
God, be near us.
In our frustrations with others and with You
God, be near us.
In our tumultuous cries of anger and hopelessness:
God, be near us.
In our moments of asking, “what the hell, God?”
God, be near us.
In our temptations to harm another living thing:
God, be near us.
When others rely on us and we have nothing left to give:
God, be near us.
When we feel that we have come to the end of our faith:
God, be near us.

In our attempts to do the next right thing:
God, be near us.
In our pursuits of shalom:
God, be near us.
In our discernment of your will:
God, be near us.
In our moments of mustard-seed faith:
God, be near us.

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