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I find it hard to believe, but this month, Acorn begins its 10th year of ministry. God has been faithful to keep us during all these years, and this is a fitting occasion to share the following prayer with you. Our daughter Allie found this somewhere, but we've been unable to locate the author.

*You,
The God of all time,
You call us to wait
Accepting uncertainty
As we wait
To discover who we are,
Where we will go,
Who will be with us,
And what we must do.
So, we thank you for the waiting time.*

*You,
The God of all space,
You call us to look
For signs of hope,
In right and wrong places,
For people who seem hopeless,
For visions of a better world
Which will truly appear
Among the disappointments
In the world we know.
So, we thank you for the looking time.*

*You,
The God whose name is love,
You call us to be like you
To love the unloved and the lonely
You call us to be like you
To love those near us
Without jealousy or design or threat
And even
To love ourselves
So, we thank you for the loving time.*

*And in all this you keep us.
You keep us
Through hard questions with no easy answers,
You keep us
Through failure where we had hoped to succeed
You keep us
Through the patience, dreams and love of others,
Through Jesus Christ and His Spirit,
You,
Keep us.
So, we thank you for the keeping time.
Amen.*

I am thankful for all the different "times" we have experienced in these past 9 years. Thank you for being involved with us as well. This ministry would not be possible without all the volunteers who have shared our vision and hopes and dreams, and helped make Acorn a sign of hope in Corvallis.

Ellen