

Sunday, Oct. 8, 2017

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Churches are encouraged to use this prayer in Sunday worship.

God help us!
Help us ...
to take the next faithful step forward
not based on ...
doctrine, tradition, or theology;
judgments, fears, or convictions;
notions of who are the righteous and unrighteous.

God help us!
Help us ...
to take the next small faithful step forward
that is neither ...
right or wrong;
good or bad;
for or against;
left or right;
pro or con.

God, help us!
Help us ...
above all else,
to simply take the one next faithful step forward,
out of love.
only love;
nothing less,
nothing more;
just love;
undiluted love.

Then ...
only then,
can we know ...
that the way forward is with you ...
our Help in ages past,
our Hope for years to come.

Then ...
only then,
can we know ...
that our way forward is through you,
the Way,
the Truth,
the Life.
God, help us ...
Help us as we take the small faithful next step forward ...
to reflect your grace and glory,
to embody the Word made flesh,
to move freely by the power of the Holy Spirit.
We offer our prayer in the precious name of Christ Jesus.

Amen.
