

1 Corinthians 13 – A Responsive Reading

God of Love,

We confess we are sometimes impatient, and often unkind.

We are quick to envy, and find subtle ways to boast.

There are times we are rude, and lift ourselves up as we put others down.

Loving God, teach us to love.

God of Love,

We confess that we are quickly angered.

We are quick to record how often we've been wronged.

There are times we celebrate the misfortune of others.

Loving God, teach us to love.

God of Love,

We confess that we put ourselves first.

We're reluctant to give, we are slow to sacrifice.

There are times we hesitate to protect.

Loving God, teach us to love.

When we are tempted to judge, to assume the worst...

May love remind us to trust

When we are tempted to despair, to assume all is lost...

May love remind us to hope

When we are tempted to give up, to assume it will never happen...

May love remind us to persevere

All: Loving God teach us to love. Amen.