## The Courage to Love

Savior, grant us courage.

Courage in the face of adversity Courage in defiance of apathy

Courage for radical and creative peacemaking

Courage to extend welcoming, comforting and helping hands, regardless of the outcome

God, grant us courage.

Courage through the stories in scripture

Courage through the stories of our ancestors

Courage through the promises You have made

Courage through the faithfulness You've shown

Spirit, grant us the strength: To hear uncomfortable truths To be redirected To humble ourselves and to keep trying

Lord, grant us The kind of conviction that leads to courage The knowledge and the encounters that lead to that conviction Open hearts that seek true knowing You have spoken throughout the ages: Don't be afraid. I am with you.

We pray for confidence in You and Your actions, that we may become strong and courageous. Amen.

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