

A Pilgrim's Companion Psalm

(Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim, Edward Hays, Forest of Peace Books Inc., 1989, p. 183)

- Voice 1:** The road home, O God, seems long and at times is difficult and painful.
- Voice 2:** Grant me a holy communion, a companionship with others, as I journey homeward to You.
- All:** I live in times of great trial: an age of change sits at my door.
- Voice 2:** Without a community with others I can so easily lose the way, can be led astray by illusions of holiness, misguided by my ego's desires.
- Voice 1:** Open my eyes to Your precious gift of the church's Communion of Saints.
- All:** "Saint" is a name I would never call myself, but the treasury of my faith teaches me about my holy birthright, that I am part of the web of sacred communion, uniting me with all who now rejoice at their homecoming in You.
- Voice 1:** May I feed this day upon the food of this mystic, holy communion with those friends and fellow pilgrims with whom I share this planet earth, as well as those saints now fully one with You.
- Voice 2:** May this awareness of my companion journey with all the saints deepen my life of prayer and fertilize my faith in You, my Beloved.
- All:** By this communion of holy ones may I be daily challenged to greater compassion and charity as I walk the way of the pilgrim.
- Song:** "We Are Companions on the Journey" (*Breaking Bread* #406 (444))