Psalm 126

When the Lord changed Zion's circumstances for the better,
    it was like we had been dreaming.
Our mouths were suddenly filled with laughter;
    our tongues were filled with joyful shouts.
It was even said, at that time, among the nations,
    "The Lord has done great things for them!"
Yes, the Lord has done great things for us,
    and we are overjoyed.

Lord, change our circumstances for the better,
    like dry streams in the desert waste!
Let those who plant with tears
    reap the harvest with joyful shouts.
Let those who go out,
    crying and carrying their seed,
    come home with joyful shouts,
    carrying bales of grain!

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of life, we rejoice in your love which has filled creation from the beginning, and which calls all life into being. We praise you for Jesus Christ who reveals most fully your loving purpose for all people. We bless you for your Spirit who draws all humanity into your circle of love. Gracious God, bless us with your presence so that our worship and our lives may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ. In whose name we pray. Amen.