# Prayer for Times of Change: At This Threshold

*The following might be used to help communities of faith celebrate the start of new relationships in their regional councils or for other times of change, as well as for Epiphany Sunday.*

We are passing through a threshold that leads into a new way of being church.
At this threshold
we are not alone:

God is creating new paths and possibilities,
**as we prepare for where we are going.**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on what is needed to prepare for this new way of being. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

Christ is freeing us with newfound love and grace,
**as we learn from where we have been.**(*Have a moment of silence to reflect on what has been learned from our history. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

The Spirit is revealing new dreams to guide us,
**as we start our journey home on a new path.**(*Have a moment of silence to acknowledge what feelings are arising as we pass through the threshold. This time could be augmented with a slideshow or appropriate music.*)

At this entryway:

We take courage in the assurance that God goes with us;
we affirm our call to go where Christ leads; and
we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space between, where we have been, where we are, and where we are going.

Surely, we are not alone.
**Thanks be to God.**

## Sending Forth

As we pass over each new threshold,
let us give all thanks and glory to God,
**whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the church, and through the Spirit,
now and forever,
Amen.

## Epiphany Sparks: A Reflection on Expecting the Unexpected (January 6)

Possible object lesson: Have a lightbulb or lantern in an unexpected, hidden place. Being careful to balance both light and dark imagery, explore how light needs darkness to be effective.

* + - * How can we be like the Magi, who were open, when in difficult spaces, to unexpected light and guidance?
* What does it mean to be ready for epiphanies?
* How do we prepare ourselves to be on the alert for guiding stars?