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Praying with the Saints

Dear Lord, it seems you are so madly in love
with your creatures that you could not live without us.

So, you created us;

and then, when we turned away from you, you redeemed us.

Yet you are God and so you have no need of us.

Your greatness is made no greater by our creation;

your power is made no stronger by our redemption.

You have no duty to care for us, no debt to repay us.

It is love, and love alone, which moves you.

Amen. ~Catherine of Siena

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