

A Statement of Interdependence *

I do not stand alone
but with others to support me
I will stand my ground

I do not see the way
but with others to walk with me
I can make my path

I do not possess the truth
but with others to witness to what they know
I will be able to discern what is right

I cannot master all skills
but with others who will lend their accomplishments
I can do enough

I cannot carry every burden
but with others to share it
I may bear my own load

I cannot meet all needs
but with others to nourish and replenish me
I will be able to give enough

I do not have limitless choice
but with others to consult
I will make my own choices gladly

I will not always be consistent
but with others to laugh with me
I will regain my equanimity

I am not invincible
but with others to reach out a hand
I may learn from my mistakes and start again

I cannot be perfect
but with others to make up the shortfall of my imperfections
I can content to be good enough.
Amen.

***this is one of the favourite prayers of the Peace Church Bible study women; it is written by Nicola Slee, published in Praying Like a Woman, SPCK, London 2004.**