

**From your Family at St. James' Episcopal Church
Austin, Texas**

Gracious God, you set our feet upon many paths, and where you lead we are not always certain. As you depart from us we send you with these words of blessing.

ALL: On your journey, may you know the presence of Christ and may that presence,

Bless you with courage where the way is fraught with danger or dread;

Bless you with graceful meetings where the way is lonely;

Bless you with good companions where the way demands a common cause;

Bless you with night vision where you must travel in the dark and keen hearing where you will not have sight, so that you can hear the reassuring sounds of fellow travelers;

Bless you with humor because we know you cannot travel lightly weighed down with gravity;

Bless you with humility to learn from those around you;

Bless you with decisiveness where you must move with speed;

Bless you with lazy moments, to stretch and rest and savor;

Bless you with love, given and received;

And bless you with the knowledge of God's presence wherever you may be and the knowledge of our love for you as you travel your way;

We Bless you, We love you, We thank you, We will miss you.

May you go bearing the Gospel of Life. Amen