

Centering

The Indian Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello said,
“When you get rid of your fear of failure, your tensions about succeeding...
you can be yourself. Relaxed. You'll no longer be driving with your brakes
on.”

We are mostly driving our lives with one foot on the gas and the other on the
brake--that fear that we will fail...or that we have already failed.

It is the human condition; we are no different.

And so we pray:

You are the God from whom no secret can be hidden,
And we are a people with many secrets. Our broken places, secrets that we
want to tell for the sake of our lives; but that we so often dare not tell
because they are deep and painful.

But they are our truth, rooted deep in our lives.

You are the God of all truth, and now we ask you to hear ours.

We speak to you, in the silence of our hearts.

You call us to freedom so that we might do the only thing you really asked
of us, which is to love one another.

And sometimes that seems too much for us. It is too hard. We insist that
things be put right first, that *we* be put right.

But you loved us first.

And we are grateful.