***Return to us once again…***

Reclaiming God, with your own outstretched arm you led your once-enslaved people through the mighty Red Sea, and named them as your very own.

In acts of miraculous generosity, you fed them with fresh bread from heaven, and they were sustained; by looking only to you.

At your word, both the strong and the weak were equally renewed and refreshed, though they did not know nor understood how.

Reclaiming Father, return to us once again.

***To Renew and Refresh us!***

Redeeming God, by your own stretched-out arms you are still calling nations once excluded from the covenant, to be joined together into one people through grace in the baptismal regeneration.

In an act of self-sacrifice you brought an end to our despair, and opened the door to jubilant celebration; as the hope-filled new creation, so that all who were once-enslaved to traditions of men, and, separated by sin might become one though we might not fully understand how.

Redeeming Saviour, return to us once again.

***To Renew and Refresh us!***

Renewing God, through the purity of your baptismal fire you still open the hearts of all who are lost in ignorance and oppression.

You have shown us incomparable favour, by turning our gaze from introspection to your profound majesty and beauty.

Having shone your light into the darkened corners of our hearts, you have revealed what is false.

And, turning over artificial forms of our preferred images, you have revealed our true selves in the mirror of the word of truth though we still do not understand how.

Renewing Spirit, return to us once again.

***To Renew and Refresh us!***

***Righteous God, who still journeys on to create the one new people; for all the pain we have caused in the past, and experienced through willful neglect to do what we know and understand to be right - we repent, and plead for spiritual renewal with fresh showers of blessing.***

***We renew covenant with you and with our brothers and sisters, by affirming our call to do what is right.***

***Acknowledging the sins committed in our name in the past through failure, so that we may walk with one another in watchfulness and joyful celebration from our shared baptismal story.***

***Once again Lord, renew and refresh us your people, to live in the fullness of your glory.***

***Amen***