Spirit, Open My Heart

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
   All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
   Christ, may we welcome one another.

2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
   In each thought, word, and deed, may my living bring you glory.

3. May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of kind and tender.
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The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

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