A Prayer for New Wineskins….

Jesus also told them this parable….  
No one puts new wine into old wineskins; if he does, the new wine will burst the skins and be spilled, and the skins 
will be destroyed as well. But new wine must be put into fresh skins.  

Luke 5:36-38

Loving God,

Help us to find the material for the “new wineskins” of our day.

May the faith, spirit, charisms and other elements of our “wine” that we have so long tended find a new shapes and forms 
that meet the needs of your people and your creation in this time.

Grant us your wisdom to preserve the essence of all you have blessed and given to us in your abundance.

May we be generous and generative, passing on these treasures to a new generation, but allowing them a new way to 
evolve in your name.

Help us, O God, to shed the old wineskins of things that no longer serve us or our ministry to our new members or to your 
Church. Grant us the courage to risk and “put out in deep water” trusting in you.

Break us out of brittleness that keeps us resistant or complacent. May we instead be renewed and expanded by the joy 
of your presence surprising us in new ways.

Lastly, O God, may this blending be a blessing to your people and your creation. May the wine of our lives outpoured be 
your love as gift to all.

(Pause to quietly reflect—what are the treasures of our life that we want to pass on? Where do we need some new 
wineskins? What might they be?)

Let us pray:

(Response—Hear us  O God)

For all those who are responding to God’s invitation to “come and see”

For all those in formation in our communities,

For all those in vocation ministry,

For all those in leadership,

For a world in need of your peace,

For all those with whom we minister,

For all those for whom we have promised to pray and for all the prayers we hold in our hearts...

Jesus, teacher, healer and Son of the living God, guide us with your Holy Spirit for the wisdom to be women and men of 
your good news to our world.  AMEN.