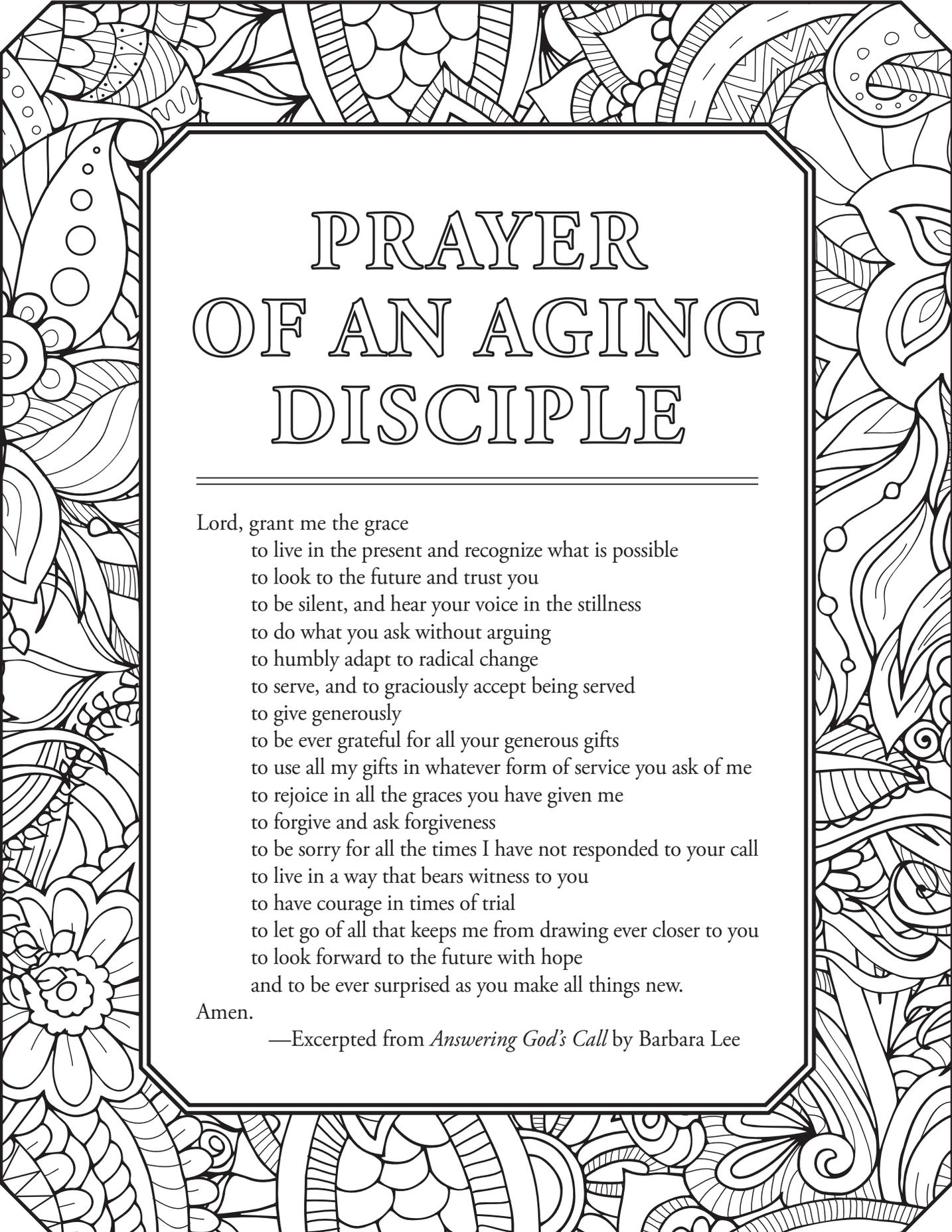


PRAYER OF AN AGING DISCIPLE

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to live in the present and recognize what is possible
to look to the future and trust you
to be silent, and hear your voice in the stillness
to do what you ask without arguing
to humbly adapt to radical change
to serve, and to graciously accept being served
to give generously
to be ever grateful for all your generous gifts
to use all my gifts in whatever form of service you ask of me
to rejoice in all the graces you have given me
to forgive and ask forgiveness
to be sorry for all the times I have not responded to your call
to live in a way that bears witness to you
to have courage in times of trial
to let go of all that keeps me from drawing ever closer to you
to look forward to the future with hope
and to be ever surprised as you make all things new.

Amen.

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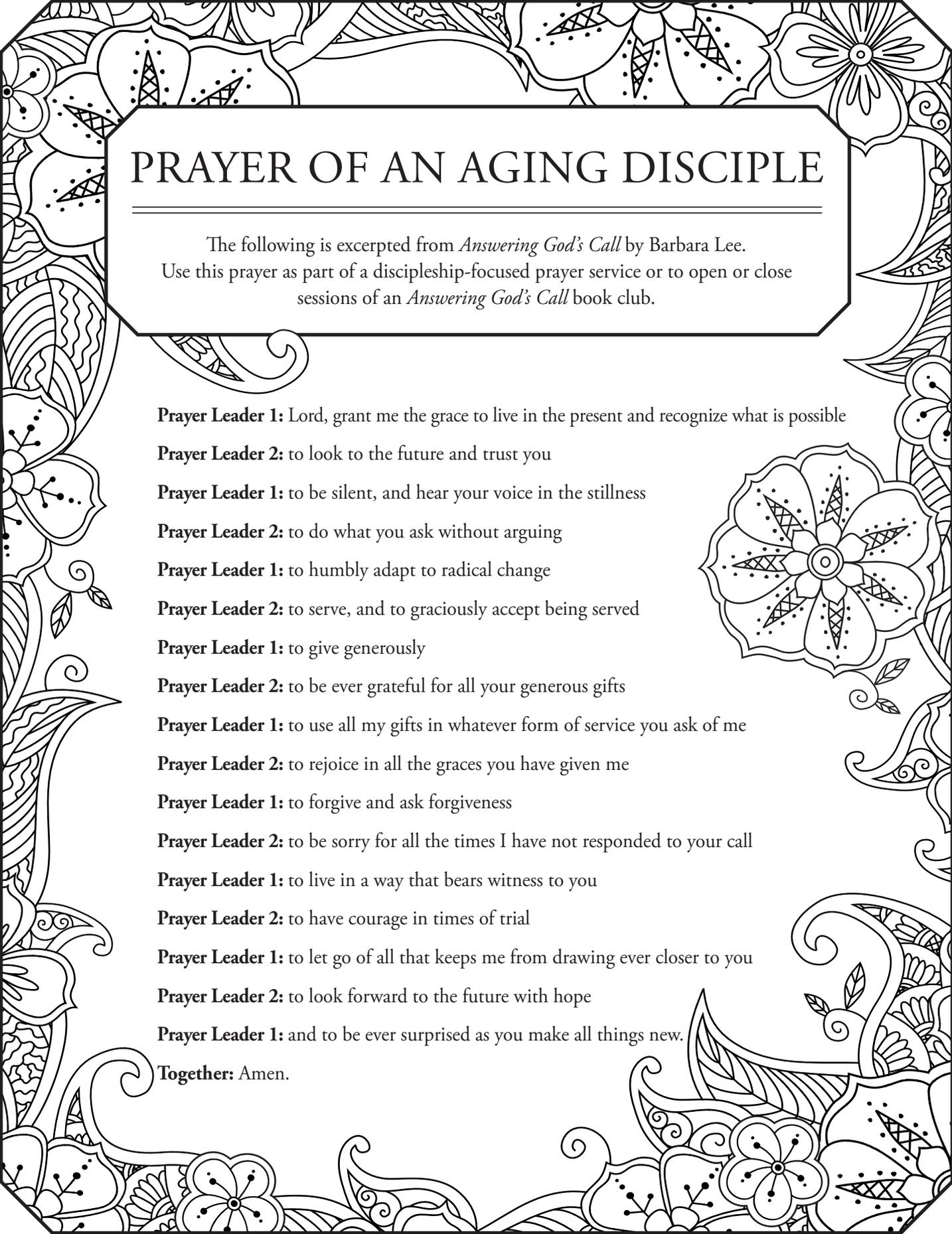


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A decorative border of various flowers and leaves surrounds the text. The border is composed of intricate line art, including large flowers with detailed petals and smaller, simpler flowers interspersed with scrolling vines and leaves. The overall style is reminiscent of a coloring page or a decorative book layout.

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Together: Amen.