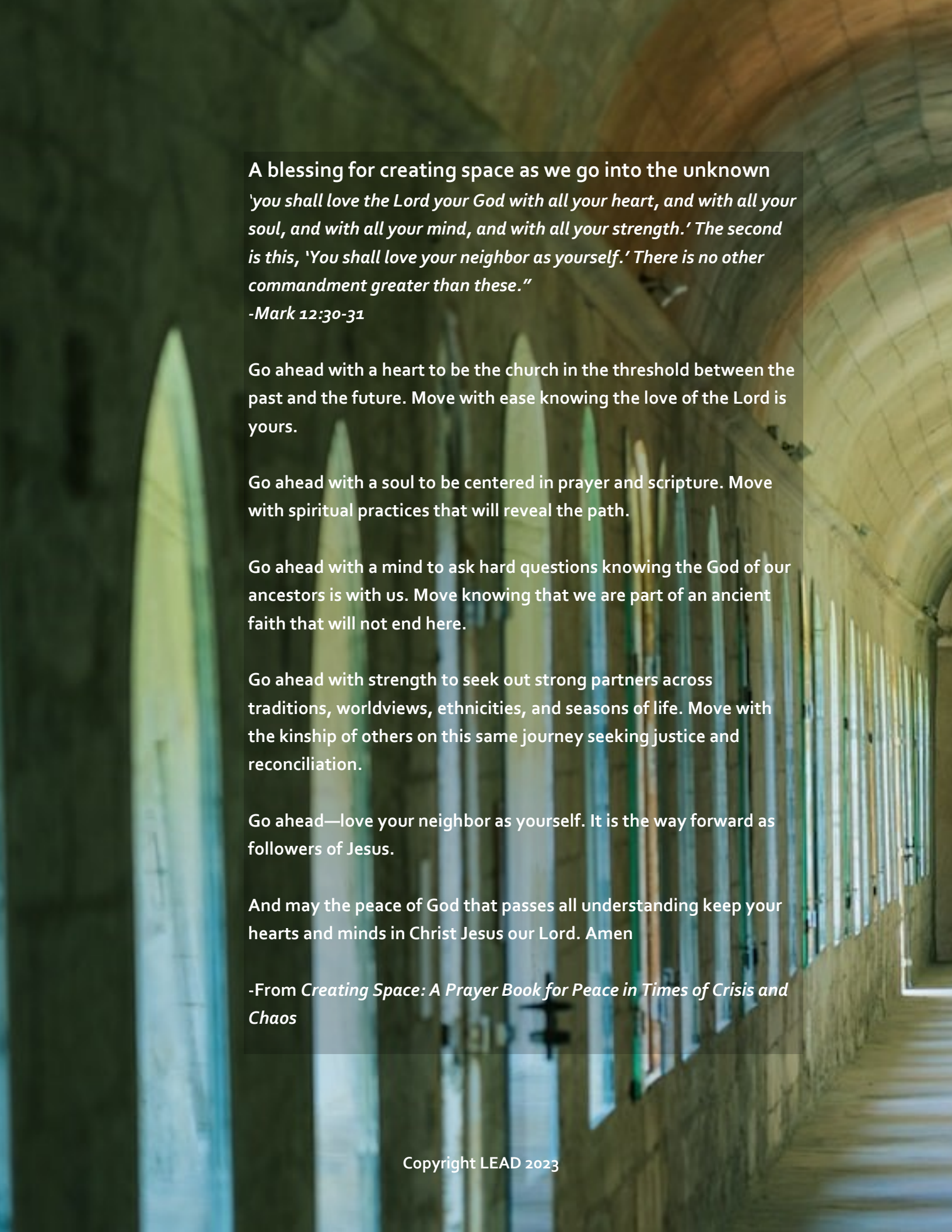




A blessing for creating space as we go into the unknown
'you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

-Mark 12:30-31

Go ahead with a heart to be the church in the threshold between the past and the future. Move with ease knowing the love of the Lord is yours.

Go ahead with a soul to be centered in prayer and scripture. Move with spiritual practices that will reveal the path.

Go ahead with a mind to ask hard questions knowing the God of our ancestors is with us. Move knowing that we are part of an ancient faith that will not end here.

Go ahead with strength to seek out strong partners across traditions, worldviews, ethnicities, and seasons of life. Move with the kinship of others on this same journey seeking justice and reconciliation.

Go ahead—love your neighbor as yourself. It is the way forward as followers of Jesus.

And may the peace of God that passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

-From *Creating Space: A Prayer Book for Peace in Times of Crisis and Chaos*