

## God of Surprise

*This opening prayer was written as a resource for churches exploring issues of safeguarding by using the story of Samuel.*

God of surprise  
You meet us unexpected places  
You are made known in strange ways  
You are found in unlikely people

We look for you in lofty mountains  
You look for us in a crowded city.

We celebrate success and victory  
You mourn and weep with the loser.

We listen to the rich and powerful  
You speak to us in the cry of a child.

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Teach us  
to see through your eyes

Teach us  
to measure by your values

Teach us  
to hear your voice

Wherever  
However  
Whomever

You are.

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