

Opening Prayer

God of all nations,
to your table all are invited
and in your family no one is a stranger.

Satisfy the hunger
of those gathered in this house of prayer,
and mercifully extend to all the peoples on earth,
the joy of salvation.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever. AMEN.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We proclaim that Christ died for **everyone**,
but sometimes we look down on others
because they do not worship the Lord the same way as we do. We confess our
self-righteousness... *(pause)*

You have made your house, O Lord,
a house of prayer for all peoples.
Lord Have Mercy
You hear the prayer of pagans
and make yourself known to all who seek you.
Christ Have Mercy

You welcome all who come to you for mercy.
Lord Have Mercy

May almighty God,
who sent his Son Jesus Christ to the lost sheep of the house of Israel,

have mercy also on us..

May God forgive our sins and bring us to eternal life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Together let us offer intercession to the God who cares for all the nations of the world without difference or distinction.

1. For our **Church leaders** and all gathered here today: that we may be grateful for all the good things we enjoy, and be generous in sharing them with others. Lord in your mercy...
2. For **government leaders**: that in their planning they may give priority to the poor and disadvantaged members of society. Lord in your mercy...
3. That **countries** divided by religious, ethnic or racial conflict may seek reconciliation and learn to live as good neighbors. Lord in your mercy...
4. For the thousands of men, women and children in our overcrowded jails: *(pause)* that our government authorities will increase their efforts to ease the congestion. Lord in your mercy...
5. For those who are engaged in prison ministry: *(pause)* that they may never tire of their efforts to bring the healing comfort of Christ to all those under their care. Lord in your mercy...

P Compassionate God, our refuge and our strength, we have placed these petitions before you knowing that what we ask faith will never be refused, especially when we ask them through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

LORDS PRAYER

God's house is a house of prayer.

Gathered here we pray in the words that Jesus taught us:

BENEDICTION

May you see the face of Christ in everyone you meet.

AMEN.

May you show the love of Christ to all who are in need.

AMEN

May you make your homes 'houses of prayer'.

AMEN.

And may almighty God bless you,

+ the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. AMEN.