

Prayers

*Greetings

- In the name of Jesus Christ,
who calls us to seek justice and resist evil,
to love and serve others,
let us worship in song,
beginning with our opening hymn:
[from CGP 19]

- VU 395

*Opening Prayer

- Come together, everyone
and bring your stories
and sing our songs
and share in the Spirit.
Let your feelings paint the sky
like a rainbow of banners and balloons.
Let your thoughts fill the air
and come to life in bodies of sound
ringing out like a song
that sets the whole world dancing.
And let even the silence
speak with a thousand voices
in tribute to our loving, living God
and in celebration of our lives -
the priceless gift God has given us.
[JWH in RD 185]

*Scripture reading (s)

- Ps 119:97-104 (VU 840)
- Lk 18:1-8

- *Silence*

*Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

— God, we pray for our troubled world.

We thank You that You labour to renew creation,
that You seek not to judge but to save,
not to destroy but to create.

We praise You that You call the nations to peace,
and the peoples to justice.

With You we mourn that children around the world
still fall in war's violence,
and that many children become homeless, hungry,
and thirsty in the wake of war.

We pray for people everywhere
who struggle for freedom
before those who rule through terror,
who plunder the poor and imprison the just.

Save us, O God, from helplessness.

Speak to us and show us each our part to play
in Your mission of saving the worlds through Your love.

Cleanse us from all that keeps us from serving You
and loving our neighbours in integrity of word and deed.

We pray to You in the strong name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

[from RCD in RD 244]

— Lord's Prayer

— Hymn/Song - VU 225

✳️ Blessing

— May God bless you and keep you,
and may God bless you and give you away to others.

May God's face shine on you,
and your face reflect and irresistible good news.

May God lift up
everything that is broken in you,
and give you more pieces of peace
than you alone can handle.

Peace be with you.

[from MCT in RD 273]

— Peace