

Liturgy of Faith

We give thanks to you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

IN OUR UNION WITH CHRIST, YOU HAVE BLESSED US BY GIVING US EVERY SPIRITUAL BLESSING IN THE HEAVENLY WORLD.

Praise be to God, who rolled back the stone and brought our Savior out from the grave.

WE REJOICE, FOR IN GOD'S GREAT MERCY, HE HAS GIVEN US NEW BIRTH INTO A LIVING HOPE.

By faith you are shielded by God's power until the day of salvation.

WE PRAISE GOD FOR THE INHERITANCE, WHICH IS STORED UP FOR US IN HEAVEN, WHERE IT CAN NEVER PERISH, SPOIL OR FADE.

God of creation, whose love invites all people to receive the blessing reserved for us since before time began,

GRANT US EARS OF FAITH, THAT EACH ONE MAY CLEARLY HEAR YOUR GRACIOUS CALL.

God of salvation, whose love encompasses all humanity, who assumed the flesh and blood and died that all might live,

GRANT US EYES OF FAITH, LORD JESUS, THAT EVERYONE MAY PLAINLY SEE YOU AMONG US.

God of inspiration, whose love initiates new ways of reaching out to all who risk believing,

GUIDE OUR LIVES IN FAITH, THAT WE MAY WILLINGLY BECOME YOUR INSTRUMENTS OF LOVE AND TRUTH.

Help us, O God, for we put our trust in you.

FORGIVE US FOR OUR DESIRE FOR PERSONAL GREATNESS, AND FOR YEILDING TO FEAR, RATHER THAN RELYING ON YOUR STRENGTH AND WISDOM.

We pray, come, Lord Jesus. Come through disbelief, enter and greet us,

WITH DISRUPTIVE PEACE, COME IN AND MEET US.

Come in the doubting, when we are distressed,

COME WITH YOUR OWN BREATH, THAT WE MAY KNOW REST.

Come with your Spirit, to lives sour and stale,

BREATHE FORTH YOUR SPIRIT, YOUR HOPE DOES NOT FAIL.

Come with forgiveness, like no one has dared.

BREATHE IN US YOUR GRACE, THAT IT MAY BE SHARED.

Come into our lives, with your breath of peace,

BREATHE ON YOUR PEOPLE, THAT WE MAY FIND RELEASE.

May the God who raised up Christ, uphold us day and night,

LORD, TAKE AWAY OUR FEARS, AND SET OUR LIVES ARIGHT.

May Christ give us assurance, amidst our pain and grief,

LORD, DWELL WITHIN US, THROUGH YOUR GIFT OF BELIEF.

May the Spirit make God real to us, enlightening our vision,

LORD, BLESS OUR FAITHFULNESS, RESPONDING TO YOUR MISSION.

Most holy God, we thank you,

MOST GRACIOUS LORD, WE PRAISE YOU,

Through Christ our Redeemer, amen.

AMEN.