

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

You destroyed sin, conquered death and defeated Satan.  
Remove the veil of darkness that covers the peoples.  
Restrain the evil that promotes violence and death.  
Deliver us from demonic oppression.  
Break the hold of slavery, tyranny and disease.  
Help us to tear down strongholds and ideologies  
that resist the knowledge of God.

**Almighty God, deliver us from evil.**

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*King of Glory,*

Come and finish Your work in our cities, our peoples and our nations.  
From all continents and islands we cry:

**Lift up your heads, O you gates!  
Be lifted up ancient doors  
so that the King of glory may come in!**

Come fill the earth with the knowledge of Your glory  
as the waters cover the sea.  
The Spirit and the Bride say:

**Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**



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**A Prayer for the World**

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## *Almighty God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

We gather with believers all over the world,  
to glorify You as Creator of heaven and earth.  
You alone are holy and righteous.  
We submit to Your authority.  
We praise and adore You alone.

**Father, we honor You.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, we honor You.**

**Holy Spirit, we honor You.**

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## *Our Father in heaven,*

Thank You for loving the world so much  
that You gave Your only Son, Jesus Christ,  
to die on the cross for our sins  
so that we could be reconciled to You.  
Fill us with your love as we faithfully intercede for the lost,  
the hopeless, the helpless and the world.

**Thank You Father, for adopting us into Your family.**

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## *Lord Jesus Christ,*

You died on the cross  
and redeemed us to the Father by Your blood.  
You are Head of the Church  
and Lord of all heaven and earth.  
Let Your kingdom be established in every nation of the world;  
bring transformation among peoples of all tribes and languages,  
so that righteousness and justice will prevail.  
May Your Name be great, from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**Jesus Christ, You are Lord of all.**

## *Father of mercy and grace,*

We have sinned.  
Our world is gripped by the power of sin.  
Our hearts are grieved by injustice, hatred and violence.  
We are shamed by oppression, racism and bloodshed in our land.  
We mourn all loss of life in murder, war and terrorism.  
Our homes are broken and our churches are divided  
by rebellion and pride.  
Our lives are polluted by selfishness, greed, idolatry and sexual sin.

**God of mercy, forgive our sins.**

**Pour out Your grace and heal our land.**

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## *Spirit of the living God,*

Transform Your Church into the image of Jesus Christ.  
Release Your power to bring healing to the sick,  
freedom to the oppressed and comfort to those who mourn.  
Fill us with compassion  
for the homeless and the hungry  
for orphans, widows and the elderly.  
Give us wisdom and insight for our world's problems.  
Help us to use the resources of the earth for the well-being of all.

**Holy Spirit, guide us and lead us.**