

Closing Prayer

Creator God, fill us with faith, awaken our spirits and desires
to be instruments of your many blessings both
now and forever.

Amen



Alive in the Spirit

Opening Prayer/Liturgy

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Opening Song

We are the Light of the World

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Blessed are they who are poor in spirit
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Bless us O Lord, make us poor in spirit
Bless us O Lord our God.

Chorus

**We are the light of the world,
May our light shine before all,
That they may see the good that we do
And give glory to God.**

Blessed are they who are meek and humble
They will inherit the earth.
Bless us our Lord, make us meek and humble
Bless us O Lord our God.

Blessed are they, who will mourn in sorrow
They will be comforted.
Bless us O Lord when we share their sorrow
Bless us O Lord our God.

Blessed are they who bring peace among us
They are the children of God.
Bless us O Lord, may your peace be with us
Bless us O Lord our God.

Opening Prayer

Lord, as we gather together in faith, let us appreciate the hospitality and warm welcome of your presence. Open our minds and hearts to your spirit and word as we reflect on the Beatitudes in our lives. We pray in Jesus name.

Amen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up to the mountain: and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them saying:
“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

General Intercessions

Leader: Stop by the Lord and awaken our Spirits

All: So that we may invite and welcome all who come seeking warmth, nourishment and the comfort and challenge of your gospel.

Women: Stop by the Lord and awaken our Spirits

All: So that your gospel message may take root in us and inspire us to prayer And service.

Men: Stop by the Lord and awaken our Spirits

All: So that we might hear and appreciate your blessings and gifts.

Women: Stop by the Lord and awaken our Spirits

All: So that we may proclaim with our lives that indeed we are blessed.

