

Final Blessing

Go out and be light. May your word burn like the word of the prophets. May your defense of the poor and suffering, the victims of injustice and oppression, be a transforming power for our world. May your voice, your feet, your hands, become those of Christ, building up the reign of God in our human history. And may God bless us, the Creator, Redeemer, and Breath of our Life.

All: Amen



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God..."

—Matthew 5:9

Opening Prayer

September Principals Mtg.

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2005

Theme: Spirit of Peace

Opening Song

Bless the Lord: Jesse Manubusan

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, bless God's holy name.
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Remember the kindness of our God,
Who showers us with blessing all our days.

Remember the justice of our God,
Who stands with those forgotten and confused.

Remember the healing love of God,
Who calls us to be whole and to be free.



Opening Prayer

God our Creator,
you reveal that those who work for
peace
will be called your sons and daugh-
ters.

Help us to work without ceasing for
that justice which brings true and last-
ing peace.

ALL: Amen

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-35

A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the
Romans:

If God is for us, who can be against
us?

For I am certain that nothing can sepa-
rate us from the God's love:

Neither death, nor life,

Neither angels nor other heavenly rul-
ers or powers,

Neither the present nor the future,

Neither the world above

Nor the world below—

There is nothing in all creation that will
ever be able to separate us from the

love of God which is ours through

Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Litany for Peace

Leader: Light and Peace in Jesus
Christ, our Lord

ALL: Thanks be to God!



Leader: Prince of Peace, our hope, hear us as
we pray for our troubled, violent world. May
we live and pray with the Spirit of your own
heart, loving all the children of earth bound-
lessly.

*ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our
hope*

Leader: For leaders of nations and churches,
for the reign of peaceful justice in their hearts,
we pray...

*ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our
hope*

Leader: For bridges of unity between people of
different beliefs, nations and ways of life, we
pray...

*ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of Peace, our
hope*

Leader: For the selflessness to admit
our own wrongs, for the courage to
seek reconciliation, we pray...

*ALL: Hear our prayer, Prince of
Peace, our hope*

Leader: Prince of Peace, our hope, our joy,
our light: bring your reign of peace and
justice into the hearts of all your people.
Through our witness may we search out
ways to be messengers of peace, and speak
out with a herald's voice, to spread the
Good News of that reign everywhere. We
pray to you, who live and reign with the
Creator in the love of the Holy Spirit, one
God forever and ever,

ALL: Amen.