



Concert of Prayer

Just as a musical composition has a variety of movements, so a prayer concert moves through a variety of modes of prayer as worshipers respond to the Word in silence, spoken prayer and song. Within each section, The Word is spoken, instructions for prayer conversations, and a time of silence is given. During this time, participants are invited to pray the prayers of their hearts in voice or in silence. After an appropriate time, the hymn will begin and serve to gather the pray-ers.

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Thanksgiving to God Who Cleanses Us Through the Blood of His Dear Son

L: We make our beginnings in the quietness of waiting and listening. *“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”* (Psalm 46:10) A time of silence as we wait, anticipating the presence of God through the conversation of prayer.

R: Come Creator Father, our Redeemer, and Holy Spirit, fill us with your presence.

L: *“Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before...”* (Acts 3: 19-20) We do not deserve to be in the presence of one so holy, so mighty. Yet he loves us and calls us before him, covering us with his own righteousness. We are humbled by such love and confess our unworthiness, our sin.

A time for personal prayer of confession.

R: Thank you most holy and gracious Lord that you so love me and you see beyond the weakness and humanness of my actions. Thank you that you cleanse me with a love that marks me yours forever. Thank you for the precious gift I receive through the

blood shed by your dear Son, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the comfort and strength I receive through the power of the Holy Spirit. Thank you for love indescribable. Thank you.

Hymn: Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen

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Prayers for Peace in The World

Reader #1: Hear these words from Second Chronicles, chapter seven: *“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place.”* (2 Chronicles 7: 14-15)

L: Let us pray on these words and on the power of God in our world. We pray for peace among the nations. We pray for the work of the Holy Spirit to turn hearts away from war and division. We pray for all who serve in the military, especially for those assigned to areas of danger and strife. We pray for those who lead governments and nations.

A time to speak the thoughts of our hearts as we pray for peace in our world.

Hymn: Joy to the World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and nature sing
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing

No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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Prayers for God’s Divine Healing

Reader #2: Hear these words from Matthew 11: *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."*
(Matthew 11: 28-29)

L: Let us pray for healing and restoration in the lives of those who are broken, weary, distraught, and weakened. We pray for those who cry out for healing of their body or mind. We pray for those who are in the midst of treatment for disease or addiction. We pray for those who have answered the call to serve in healing, that they be given the gift of gentleness, wisdom, and true concern for those whom they attend. We pray for the power of Jesus, the Great Physician as he restores his children to wholeness.

A time to speak the thoughts of our hearts as we pray for the people of our lives.

Hymn: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

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Prayers for All Who Give Witness to God’s Grace and Love

Reader #3: *"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."* (Acts 1:8)

L: Let us pray for the work of the Spirit to open hearts to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ. Let us pray for the church, that she boldly lift high the cross in every neighborhood, community, and city. Let us pray for leaders and workers that their passion is fueled by the power of God at work within their hearts. Let us pray for all believers that they will continue to be nourished in their faith life and that they will find courage to share Christ in word and deed.

A time to speak the thoughts of our hearts as we pray for the work of God through His faithful children.

Hymn: There Are Many Ways of Sharing
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There are many ways of sharing, But God's Spirit gives each one.
There are different ways of caring; It's one Lord whose work is done.
God, whose gifts are overflowing, May we hear you when you call;
Keep us serving, keep us growing For the common good of all.

We've been baptized in the waters! We've been given work to do.
When you call your sons and daughters, You give gifts for serving you.

God, we join in celebration Of the talents you impart.
Bless each baptized one's vocation; Give each one a servant's heart.

All are blest by gifts you give us; Some are set apart to lead.
Give us Jesus' love within us As we care for those in need.
Give us faith to make decisions; Give us joy to share your Word.
Give us unity and vision As we serve your church and world.

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Prayers for the Salvation of All People

Reader #4: *"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."* John 17: 20-21

L: Let us pray for all do not know, who do not dwell in the love and presence of the Triune God, that Spirit is preparing them for that moment when eyes are opened and the darkness scattered. Let us pray for the power of the Gospel to transform lives. Let us pray by name for those in our lives who are among those who do not know Jesus as their Savior. Let us pray with thanksgiving in the mighty name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; who has set ablaze a new mission movement in the church, in our lives.

*A time to speak the thoughts of our hearts as we pray for Light of the Gospel
to reach the hearts of all people.*

Hymn: O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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When I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;
Come and listen to me.

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The Blessing of God Upon His Servants

R: The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Reader #5: *“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ.”* (Philippians 1: 9-10)

R: Amen.

Hymn: Spirit Song

Let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you, and the Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Come and sing this song of gladness as your hearts are filled with joy;
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name.
O give him all your tears and sadness; give him all your of pain;
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
 Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a common time signature (C). The melody starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;' are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'When I call an - swer me, O Lord, hear my prayer. O' are written below. The third staff concludes the melody with a quarter note G, a quarter note A, a quarter note B, a quarter note C, a quarter note D, a quarter note E, a quarter note F#, and a quarter note G. The lyrics 'Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis-ten to me. O' are written below. The score ends with a double bar line.

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