



Opening Prayer

Gracious and Loving God,

We gather in Your presence this morning with hearts open to Your Spirit and lives ready to be shaped by Your Word. On this Solidarity Sunday, we are reminded that we are part of a global Body united by the love of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit.

We thank You for the gift of community, for the freedom to worship, and for the peace that comes not from this world, but from Your Son, Jesus—the Prince of Peace. As we lift up our partners around the world through CBM, we pray that we may we feel their burdens as our own.

Stir in us, Lord, a deep compassion, a holy discontent with the way things are, and a bold desire to become the peacemakers You have called us to be. Help us not to cling to comfort, but to be open to Your transforming presence. Teach us today what it means to walk in the way of Jesus—faithfully, humbly, and courageously.

In the name of the One who said, *“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you”*, we pray.

Pastoral Prayer

Lord of Compassion and Justice,

We come to You now in prayer—not only with our own concerns, but with the concerns of the world heavy on our hearts.

We remember those living in the shadows of conflict and oppression—those who wake each day to the sound of bombs, to the fear of violence, and to the ache of hunger. We hold before You our brothers and sisters in Ukraine, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Myanmar, and so many other corners of the earth where Your peace feels far away.



O God, we pray for Your presence in those places. Raise up peacemakers, strengthen communities, protect the innocent, and guide leaders toward justice. We pray too for the church around the world—that we may be known not for preserving comfort, but for embodying the radical love of Jesus.

Forgive us, Lord, for the times when we have settled for a false peace—a peace built on silence, indifference, or self-interest. Open our eyes to the systems we benefit from that hurt others. Convict us when we are more interested in stability than in righteousness.

Holy Spirit, give us the courage to become troublemakers for the sake of Your Kingdom—to speak truth in love, to challenge injustice, and to walk alongside those who suffer. Empower us to be more than observers—to be agents of healing, generosity, and change.

And for those among us who are weary, grieving, or struggling, bring comfort. For those in need of direction, bring wisdom. For those who feel forgotten, bring assurance that they are seen and deeply loved by You.

We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, our Savior, Redeemer, and Peacemaker.

Amen.

Benediction

As you go from this place, may you carry the peace of Christ—a peace not as the world gives, but one that transcends fear and overcomes injustice.

May the Holy Spirit disturb your comfort where comfort hinders compassion.

May God give you eyes to see the unseen, ears to hear the cry of the oppressed, and a heart willing to be moved.

Go now as peacemakers, even if it means being troublemakers—rooted in love, driven by grace, and empowered by the Spirit to live out God’s Shalom in a world desperate for hope.

And may the peace of Christ be with you, and go before you, now and always.

Amen.