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## LITURGY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

### Introduction

The entire world is struggling to find ways to live in peace. But one thing that we, human being have forgotten is that, we the one who created all these messes that led our world into chaos. While the word of God is there to remind us that, God has created the world on the basis of peace, as part of his blessing to Adam and Eve: *"I have provided of kinds grain and all kinds fruit for you to eat; but for all birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food – and it was done"* (Genesis 1:29-30)

When we speak about peace, we think about the many wars happening then and here throughout the world. While on the hand Jesus is reminding us in Luke 4:18-19: *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind; to set free the oppressed and announce that the time has come when the Lord will save his people."*

We can assess through Jesus' affirmation how immense and huge the field that we are stepping in and called to be the agents for peace. But, I may say that this is not only the work of the churches, it is everyone business as the Apostle Peter said that every individual should come as living stones to be used in building the spiritual temple (1 Peter 2:5)

So, in this year's **International Day of Prayer for Peace**, we have to be clear and strong in our words and deeds because peace begins with each of us present here and with each individual where ever they may be and whoever they may be.

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer (Psalm 19:14)

### PRAISE

Leader: Grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 1:2)

*People: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.*

Leader: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host.

*People: Praise him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!*

Leader: Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

*People: Let them praise the name of the Lord, for he commanded and they were created.*

Leader: Kings of the earth and all the peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

*People: Young men and women alike, old and young together!*

Leader: Let them praise the name of the Lord.

*People: For his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heavens  
(Psalm 148:1-5 and 11-13)*

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### **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Leader: God of power and might, as we adore your holy presence, let your love shine on us that we receive and become lights and doers of love to others. Remove the barriers of doubts and stubbornness that we come closer, see you clearer and lead others to you to know and serve you by the way we speak, think and do things. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: Loving God, we praise you for your love that is beyond what we can imagine that with you no person is too unimportant to receive your attention, and no personal imperfection or sin is too large to receive your forgiveness and healing. We confess for our ignorance and slowness to do well. May your wisdom and love cleanse us, Lord hears us.

*People: Lord hears our prayer.*

Leader: We confess for our discrimination of others as sinners and inferior to us and even not happy if others visited them. Lord hears us.

*People: Lord hears our prayer.*

Leader: We confess for our doubt and deaf to hear your daily voice and to see visions to us. Lord hears us.

*People: Lord hears our prayer.*

Leader: We confess for considering things bad and unclean when you have them good and clean. Lord hears us.

*People: Lord hears our prayer.*

Leader: God of constant mercy, bring us to genuine repentance, hunger and thirst for your forgiveness by the most sacred body of our Lord Jesus. Make us always cling to your side, and to never permit us be separated from you. Who with the same God the Father and the Holy Spirit, live and reign without end, Amen.

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: The Scriptures assures us that: "real love is not our love for God but God's love for us in the giving of his Son that whoever believes should not be perish but have everlasting life. Through the grace of Christ Jesus, forgiveness and release is ours".

*People: Thanks be to God.*

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Leader: We pray that you bless your word that is going to be shared to us. Cleanse the thoughts of our minds that your word be received with praise and thanksgiving and be lived accordingly, Amen.

**SCRIPTURES READINGS:** (Churches are free to choose any scripture reading that would suit them regarding the focus of this IDPP)

Proverbs 6:1-19     *Things that hates the most.*  
Psalm 24:1-10     *God the master of the whole world.*  
Galatians 5:16-26   *The fruit of the Spirit.*  
Luke 4:16-30       *The Good News of salvation and peace.*

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## SERMON

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## PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God for all people in their daily life and work.

*People: For our families, friends and neighbours, and for those who are lonely.*

Leader: For this community church, our country and the world.

*People: For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.*

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation.

*People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.*

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble.

*People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless and the needy.*

Leader: For the peace and unity of the church of God.

*People: For all who proclaim the Gospel and for all who seek the truth.*

Leader: For our own needs, and for others who asked us to pray for them

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Leader: Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great. We thank you Lord, for all the blessing of life. We exalt you, o God our King, and praise your name forever and ever, Amen.

## WORD OF MISSION

Leader: As we go out from the church continue to be with the Lord and you will taste and see that the Lord is good. Go out now into the world to love and to serve the Lord.

## **BENEDICTION**

Leader: Peace be to all, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ with incorruptible love, Amen.