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Welcome & Reading of Short Verses

“Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice” (Psalm 141:2)

“If I say, ‘Surely the darkness will cover me, and the light around me turn to night,’ darkness is not dark to you, O Lord; the night is as bright as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike. (Psalm 139:10, 11)

Seek him that made the Pleiades and Orion, that turneth deep darkness into the morning, and darkeneth the day into night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth: The Lord is his Name. (Amos 5:8)

Ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God. (Ephesians 2:19)

Short, Reflective Silence

Dignus Es and Collects

Dignus es (A Song to the Lamb)

Splendor and honor and kingly power
Are yours by right, O Lord our God
For you created everything that is,
And by your will they were created and have their being;
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,
For with your body you have redeemed for God,
From every family, language, people and nation,
A kingdom of priests to serve our God.
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,
And to Christ the Lamb,
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,
For ever and for evermore”

6. For our Enemies

O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth: deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

5. For Peace Among the Nations

Almighty God our heavenly Father, guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth, and establish among them that peace which is the fruit of righteousness, that they may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

4. For Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

3. For the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Intercessory Prayer Points

On the day we offer up the following prayers:

- Lord, we pray for persecuted Christians living in refugee camps in Lebanon, Turkey, and Jordan who have fled the conflicts in Syria and Northern Iraq. Would you provide them safe passage and be their refuge against the storms and persecutions of day to day life.

(PAUSE)

- Father you call your church to be of good cheer when facing trials, temptations, persecutions, and tribulations. Help us to share in the sufferings of our brothers and sisters overseas and in this way fulfill the command to bear one another's burdens. Motivate us to pray and act against the powers of darkness that would hide your church and the story of your people and make it unknown to those in the broader world.

(PAUSE)

- Lord we pray for the persecutors. That they would be stopped and brought to account for their heinous acts against humanity. We pray for those who are persecuted who aren't Christian but are also the objects of wrath for the evil in the hearts of men.

(PAUSE)

- Lord we pray for many instances of harassment in many known and unknown parts of the world. Would you help your people have a gentle spirit and protect them against fear and equip them with peace, love, patience, kindness, self-control, and a sound mind.

(PAUSE)

- We pray for unity in your church. That the body of Christ both locally, internationally, and in the countries of context would put aside divisions and old mistrusts to be of one mind and witness, to support each other in Christian love and call for an end of persecuted Christians and all vulnerable peoples.

(PAUSE)

Closing Benediction

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)