

PRAYER VIGIL

PRAYER OF REPTENANCE AND CLEANSING

Most gracious and loving God, we give thanks to you now for your continual presence in our lives; and in the name of thy Son, Jesus the Christ, we take this moment to offer up unto thee this prayer of repentance, for we know Lord that thou art a God of mercy, charity, and compassion, whose love for us is without measure.

We invite you now Lord to dwell within our gathering, and ask for your forgiveness for all of our transgressions, both acknowledged and unacknowledged, both known and unknown, and we pray Father that you will cleanse us of all our failings. Lord God, you are our abiding parent, our friend and everlasting companion, who we know will never abandon us, nor forsake us, even when at times we turn from thee.

For these mercies, and for all the blessings you have bestowed upon us, we give thanks, and pray Lord that our prayers and worship this morning are acceptable to thee. These things we ask oh Lord, in the name of thine Only Begotten Son, Jesus the Christ, amen.

FOCUS SCRIPTURES

“**And it came to pass** that the Lord did visit them with his Spirit, and said unto them, Be comforted; and they were comforted.” –Alma 12:17

“**For I will restore health unto thee**, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord...” –Jeremiah 30:17 (IV)

“**Then he called his twelve disciples together**, and he gave them power and authority...And he sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick.” –Luke 9:1,2 (IV)

“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever” –John 14:16 (IV)

“I have heard your prayers which have been raised to me without ceasing, and I have sent my healing ministry as a dove to be in your midst. Therefore, lift up your hearts and rejoice in the promises which have been given for your assurance.” –Section 157:12

109 O Lord, will you give me strength, that I may cope with my infirmities? For I am infirm, and such wickedness among this people pains my soul.

110 O Lord, my heart is exceedingly sorrowful; will you comfort my soul in Christ?

111 O Lord, will you grant unto me that I may have strength, that I may suffer with patience these afflictions...

112 O Lord, will you comfort my soul, and give me success, and also my fellow laborers who are with me...even all these will you comfort, O Lord? Will you comfort their souls in Christ?

113 Will you grant unto them that they may have strength, that they may bear their afflictions which shall come upon them?

114 O Lord, will you grant unto us that we may have success in bringing them again unto thee, in Christ?

115 Behold, O Lord, their souls are precious, and many of them are our near brethren, therefore, give unto us, O Lord, power and wisdom, that we may bring these, our brethren, again unto thee.

116 Now it came to pass, that when Alma had said these words...

117 ...they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

118 And after that...

119 ...the Lord provided for them that they should hunger not, neither should they thirst; and he also gave them strength, that they should suffer no manner of afflictions, save it were swallowed up in the joy of Christ.

120 Now this was according to the prayer of Alma; and this because he prayed in faith. –Alma 16 (adapted)