

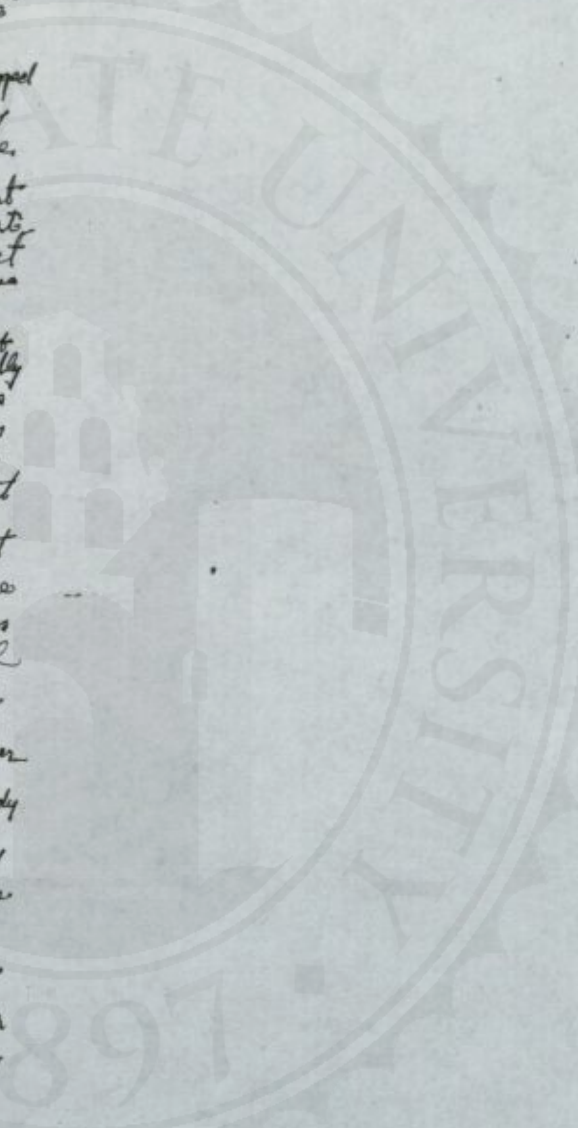
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Opening prayer: Wonderful Father, we adore you for sending your Son to travel the roads of human life and experience the tensions between friends and enemies, relations and strangers, laborers and mongers, equips us with the determination to share in love of everyone, so that Jesus' disciples today we follow him in applying the gospel to life. Amen.

Prayer prayer: Teacher - Savior, clear our clogged hearing and distracted minds so that we may accurately hear your guidance and course. No one to stumble.

Fill us with such love for you that we neither ignore those outside our comfort-able realms of faith and action, nor reject those who cast out demons in your Name who differ from us. Yet, Lord Christ, teach us to sift the wheat from the chaff in issues of faith so that we do not blindly accept every teaching that purports it comes from you, but instead to separate mindless concepts from biblical truths, and apply the latter. Let us not become so tolerant of every idea that we lose the essentials of the Gospel's ideal, nor so intolerant of others that we fail to see them as the children of God. Strengthen the Church of Jesus Christ to look beyond denominational boundaries to discern workers and workers of faith beyond human limitations. Let us to celebrate your love and show it even by together with a world weary of our squabbles and anxious to find the body of Christ undivided and whole.

Now grant peace to those disturbed within their souls, and healing to those who ache within their bodies. From all Nations together in concern for each other, as we beg your Spirit's presence to end our prejudices and inspire our proclamation that Christ is Lord. Amen!



Opening prayer; Make us
Compassionate, and faithful,
gracious Holy Spirit, so that
we are neither stumbling blocks
to others, nor of detriment to
ourselves. Season us with the
salt of sacrifice, so that we flavor
our world with the zest of a true
conviction and earnest service that
glorifies Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

