Prayers at Noon
Linn Park
Birmingham, Alabama

The people gather in the Name of God, and when we’re ready, the leader says

Let us pray.

Loving God, send your Spirit into our hearts, to direct and rule us according to your will, to comfort us in all our afflictions, to defend us from all error, and to lead us into all truth, in your eternal mercy and grace. Amen.

The leader continues by inviting the prayers of the people gathered

Let us pray either silently or out loud for the state of our world, for our country, for Alabama, for Birmingham, for those suffering any sickness or those in any trouble, and for the departed.

You are invited to offer your own prayers, either silently or aloud.

The leader then concludes the time of prayer by saying

All O God of many names, remind us that You love all people, no matter how hard we try to deny that love in our thoughts, words and deeds.
Renew our hearts, our souls and our bodies, so that we may serve people more fully.
Give us strength to stand with those who struggle, wisdom to see needs clearly, and courage to pursue justice.
Grant us compassion, so that we may open our arms, our minds and our hearts to build community for all. Amen.

GBM Prayer
The leader continues

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through your love: 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. Amen.

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 your mercy and grace, as children of one God; to whom be power and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Lord bless you, and keep you, and make his face shine upon you and those you love, this day and for ever more. Amen.

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.