

## **Kingdom prayer of invocation, 8**

The invocation, the initial prayer of the service, should invoke the presence of the Triune God in the name of Christ, beseech His presence and favor, praise Him for His works and attributes, and seek the condescension and help of the Holy Spirit that the worship might be in “Spirit and Truth.”

OUR Father in heaven, we have come to worship and bow down, and kneel before You the Lord our Maker, for You are our God, and we are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your hand.

We come to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world; He is our advocate with the Father; He is the only mediator between God and man; He always lives to make intercession for us. Through Him we come boldly to your throne of grace. In His name we earnestly seek You. O Lord, our souls thirst for You, our flesh yearns for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Bow your heavens and come down. Inhabit the praises of your people; remember your promise, O Spirit of Christ to be present in the midst of your worshiping people when two or more have gathered in your name. Condescend to us; grant us the joy of your fellowship; speak to us through Your word; and be blessed by our praise and adoration. Amen.

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