

Kingdom prayer of invocation, 9

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.”

Eternal, immortal and invisible God, infinite in power, wisdom and goodness, dwelling in the light no man can approach, where thousands upon thousands minister to You, and ten thousand times ten thousand stand before You, yet dwelling with the humble and contrite, and taking pleasure in Your people.

You have consecrated us for a new and living way, that with boldness we may enter the holy place, by the blood of Jesus, and have bid us to seek You while You may be found.

Remember, O Christ, Your promise to meet with Your people when they have gathered in your name. Draw near to us as we draw near to You. Show us Your glory. O that You would rend the heavens and come down. Let us taste and see that You are good.

We praise Your unfailing love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; in Jesus’ holy name we pray, Amen.

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