

Kingdom prayer of invocation, 7

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.”

O Lord, You are the King Eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God. You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light; whom no man has seen or can see. To You be the honor and eternal dominion.

We bless the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us with every blessing in the heavenly places in Christ. We praise the glory of Your grace that chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and blameless before Him. We thank you that in love You predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ. We rejoice that we have been sealed in Christ with the Holy Spirit of promise Who is given as a pledge of our inheritance. We worship and adore You Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Open the eyes of our hearts that we may know the hope of Your calling, the riches of the glory of our inheritance and the surpassing greatness of Your power toward us in Jesus Christ. All of this you have brought about in Christ, when You raised Him from the dead and seated Him at Your right hand in the heavenly places. Receive our worship and our praise to the glory of Your amazing grace. We pray all in the name of the Lamb of God, who was slain for sinners like us. Amen.

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