

United Opening Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, we acknowledge Your presence in this room and in our lives. You are everywhere, You are all-powerful, and You know all things. We need You, and we know that we can do nothing without You but we know that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. We acknowledge that we are Your children and that we have been saved by grace through faith, not from ourselves but as a gift from You. We are Your workmanship created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which You have prepared in advance for us to do. We believe the Bible because it tells us what is really true. We refuse to believe the lies of Satan. We ask You to rebuke Satan and place a hedge of protection around this room so we can do Your will. As children of God we take authority of Satan and command Satan to release (counselee) in order that (he / she) can know and choose to do the will of God. In the name of Jesus, we command Satan and all his forces to be bound and silenced with (counselee) so they cannot inflict any pain, physical embarrassment or in any way prevent God's will from being accomplished in (his / her) life. We also ask for protection for all the people in this building and for each member of our families that Satan and all his forces be bound and not be allowed to inflict any pain or bring any harm to them. We ask the Holy Spirit to fill us and direct us into all truth. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Psalm 51, 1 John 1:9)

Silent Confession *(each person individually first pauses for silent confession to God)*

Lord, we have confessed our sins to You. Please forgive us for all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In Jesus' name. Amen

(Romans 8:1)

Declaration of our identity in Christ

Lord Jesus Christ, we acknowledge that we are Your children. We have been crucified with You and it is now You who live in us and have a right to us. Our bodies are now temples of Your Holy Spirit. The fullness of God the Father rested on You in bodily form, and You bring that fullness in us. You have defeated Satan and all his forces and have given authority to defeat him in Your name and by the power of Your Holy Spirit. We do ask for Your wisdom (God our Father), that You may lead us into all truth. As we submit ourselves before You, we cancel any ground that Satan has gained in our lives, known or unknown. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen

(John 1:12-13; Gal 2:20; Eph 2:6-7; Phil 1:6; Col 2:9-10, 15; Luke 10:19; James 1:5; 4:7-8)

