



Litany for Mission on the Day of the UTO Ingathering

Let us pray for the world that it may be transformed through our many individual prayers of thanksgivings and gifts of blessings.

Jesus was transfigured on the high mountain when a voice from heaven said, "this is my son, the Beloved, listen to him!"

His face shone like the sun.

He gave us the great commission to heal the sick, feed the hungry, house the homeless, visit those in prison, welcome the stranger.

Help our faces to shine, God of transformation.

Mission is local; Mission is global.

Empower us, God of love.

Mission is reaching out to those who are disenfranchised, those whose voices are silenced, those who live on the margins of society.

Guide us, God of justice.

Mission is communicating our faith to a hurting world, taking time to build a vision of a better world.

Shape us, God of patience.

Mission is reaching out to touch and be touched by others that we all become one.

Use us, God of mercy.

Mission is encountering differences of race, culture, class, age, and not being afraid of the differences but embracing them.

Draw us into community, God of compassion.

Mission is responding to natural disasters, such as floods, earthquakes, tornados, or to human disasters such as wars and school shootings with more than shelter and food. It is mending broken hearts.

Help Us, God of Grace.

Mission is developing partnerships as we "seek and serve Christ in all persons."

Transform us, God of our hearts.

We are your hands and feet in this world, the conduit through which mission happens. Keep our eyes heavenward, our minds focused on the tasks you have set before us. Refresh us when we are tired, renew us when we falter, reawaken us daily to hear the cries of your people.

Hear our prayer, Triune God, Amen.