

Prayers for Branch, Group or House Meetings

The following prayers can be used for any meeting whether large or small.

Leader: *God has promised us that when two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be there among them, so we pray:*

Either a)

*Holy God,
Help us to draw near to you in this time of prayer,
that we may worship you with all our hearts,
with all our minds, and with all our strength,
and that we may love and serve our neighbours in everything we do.
Amen*

Or b)

*The Lord is faithful to all his promises
and loving towards all he has made.
The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up all who are bowed down.
The Lord is near to all who call upon his name,
to all who call on him in truth.
He fulfils the desires of those who ask him,
he hears their cry and saves them.*

(adapted from Psalm 145)

Let us pray for unity of all peoples on this earth in the words our Saviour taught us:

The Lord's Prayer

For today's meeting:

*Jesus, our Saviour:
you knew the pain of hard work and long hours
both in Nazareth and in your ministry with your disciples;
renew us now in our meeting here:
help us to hear other people's points of view,
and to discern your will as we make decisions;
grant us vision, discernment, courage and generosity.
When our meeting is over,
give patience and loyalty to all who disagree,
Discretion about what has been discussed,
and diligence to those who have to carry out
what has been decided. **Amen***

For the coming of the kingdom:

*Holy Spirit of God,
fill us with your power,
that in all we do and say,
we may show forth the love of God,
and proclaim the good news of the kingdom
to the peoples of the world;
we ask in the name of Jesus Christ,
our Lord and Saviour. **Amen***