*NOVEMBER 4TH , 2020*

*OPENING PRAYERS*

*COME YE. By Nina Simone*

*Readers include:*

*Leader and “ ALL”*

*Leader:* We cannot merely pray to you, O God, to end war;

*All:* For we know that You have made the world in a way that people must find their own path to peace within themselves and with their neighbors.

*Leader:* We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end starvation;

*All:* For You have already given us the resources with which to feed the entire world, if we would only use them wisely.

*Leader:* We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to root out prejudice;

*All:* For You have already given us eyes with which to see the good in all people, if we would only use them rightly.

*Leader:* We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end despair;

*All:* For You have already given us the power to clear away slums and to give hope, if we would only use our power justly.

*Leader:* We cannot merely pray to You, O God, to end disease;

*All:* For You have already given us great minds with which to search out cures and healing, if we would only use them constructively.

*All:* Therefore we pray to You instead, O God, for strength, determination and will power,

To do instead of just pray,

To become instead of merely to wish.

*CLOSING PRAYERS*

*Reader 1:*

Eternal Spirit, Earth maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

*Reader 2:*

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

*Reader 1:*

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on Earth.

*Reader 2:*

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

*Reader 1:*

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. AMEN.

Closing Song COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING