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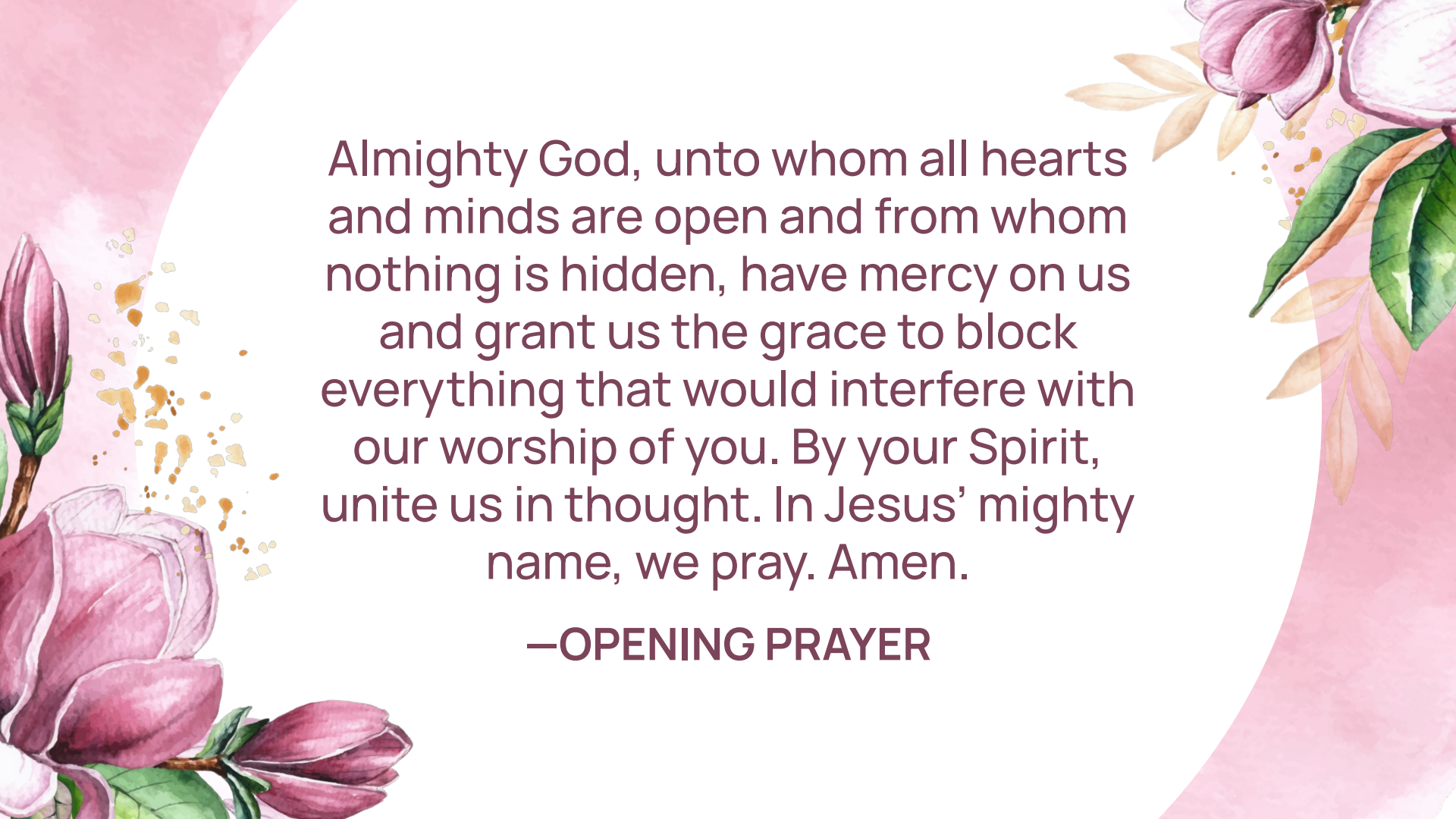
Traditional





WELCOME



The page features decorative floral illustrations in the corners. In the bottom-left corner, there is a large, detailed pink flower with green leaves and a smaller bud. In the top-right corner, there are pink flowers and green leaves. The background is a light pink color with a white circular area in the center where the text is located. There are also some small, golden-brown speckles scattered around the text area.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts
and minds are open and from whom
nothing is hidden, have mercy on us
and grant us the grace to block
everything that would interfere with
our worship of you. By your Spirit,
unite us in thought. In Jesus' mighty
name, we pray. Amen.

—OPENING PRAYER

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Flea Market

UPC Flea market, June 10,
from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God. He made us, and we are his.

We are the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless His name.

For the Lord is good, and his loving devotion endures forever.

**His faithfulness continues to all generations.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!**



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OPENING HYMN

Faith of Our Mothers, Vs.

1, 2, 4



1 Faith of our mothers, living still
In cradle song and bedtime prayer;
In nursery lore and fireside love,
Thy presence still pervades the air.
Faith of our mothers, living faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

2 Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
Fount of our childhood's trust and grace,
Oh, may thy consecration prove
Source of a finer, nobler race;
Faith of our mothers, loving faith,
We will be true to thee till death.

4 Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
In truth beyond our stumbling creeds,
Still serve the home and save the Church,
And breathe thy spirit through our deeds;
Faith of our mothers, Christian faith,
We will be true to thee till death.



RESPONSIVE READING

Now, who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?

But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated.

But in your hearts, sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;

yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear so that when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.

For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, rather than suffer for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



RESPONSIVE READING

Then Paul stood before the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands.

Nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything since he gives all mortals life, breath, and all things.

From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, **so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us.**

For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.'

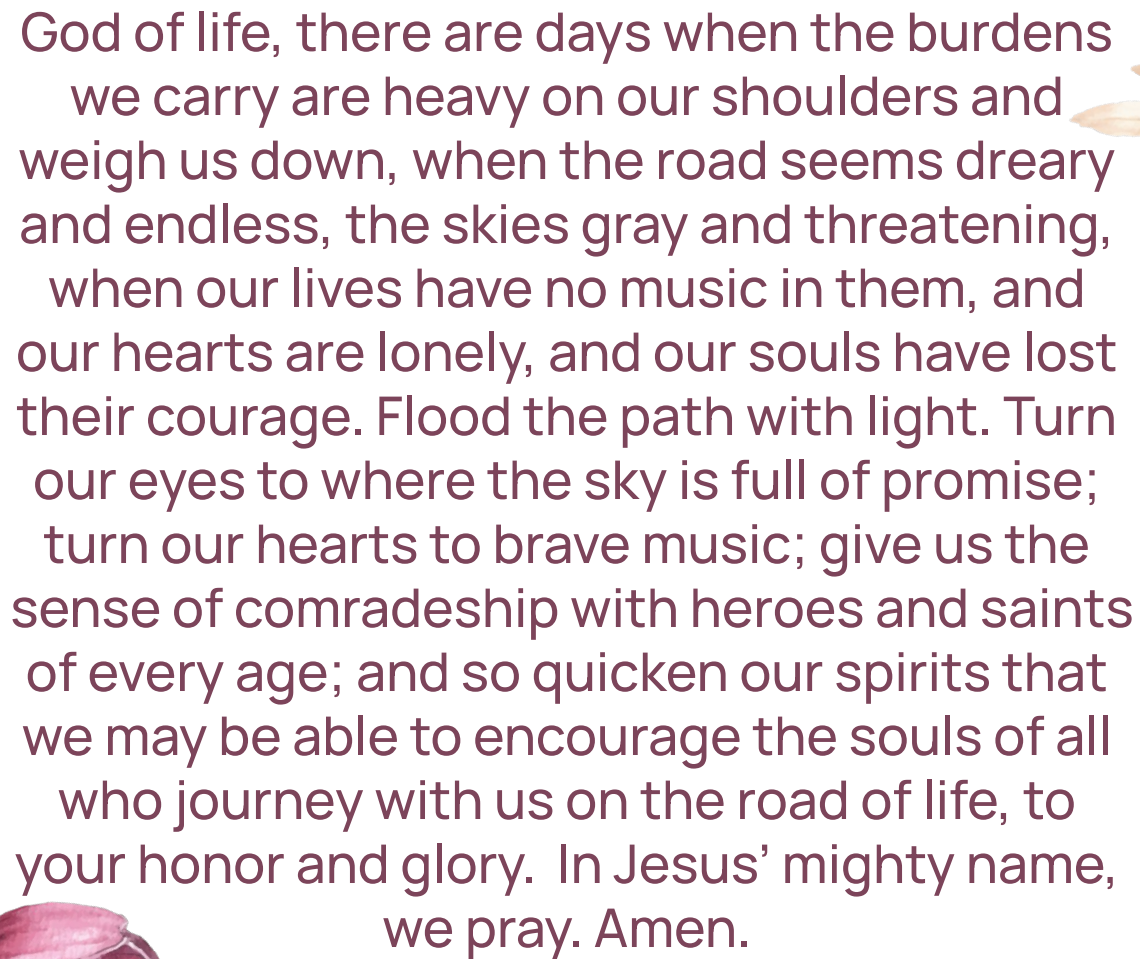
Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals.

While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent,

because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this, he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."



CALL TO CONFESSION

A watercolor illustration of pink flowers and green leaves on a pink background. The flowers are in various stages of bloom, with some fully open and others as buds. The leaves are green with visible veins. There are also some yellow and orange speckles scattered around the flowers. The background is a soft, light pink color with a white circular area in the center where the text is located.

God of life, there are days when the burdens we carry are heavy on our shoulders and weigh us down, when the road seems dreary and endless, the skies gray and threatening, when our lives have no music in them, and our hearts are lonely, and our souls have lost their courage. Flood the path with light. Turn our eyes to where the sky is full of promise; turn our hearts to brave music; give us the sense of comradeship with heroes and saints of every age; and so quicken our spirits that we may be able to encourage the souls of all who journey with us on the road of life, to your honor and glory. In Jesus' mighty name, we pray. Amen.

—UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION



**PASSING THE
PEACE**



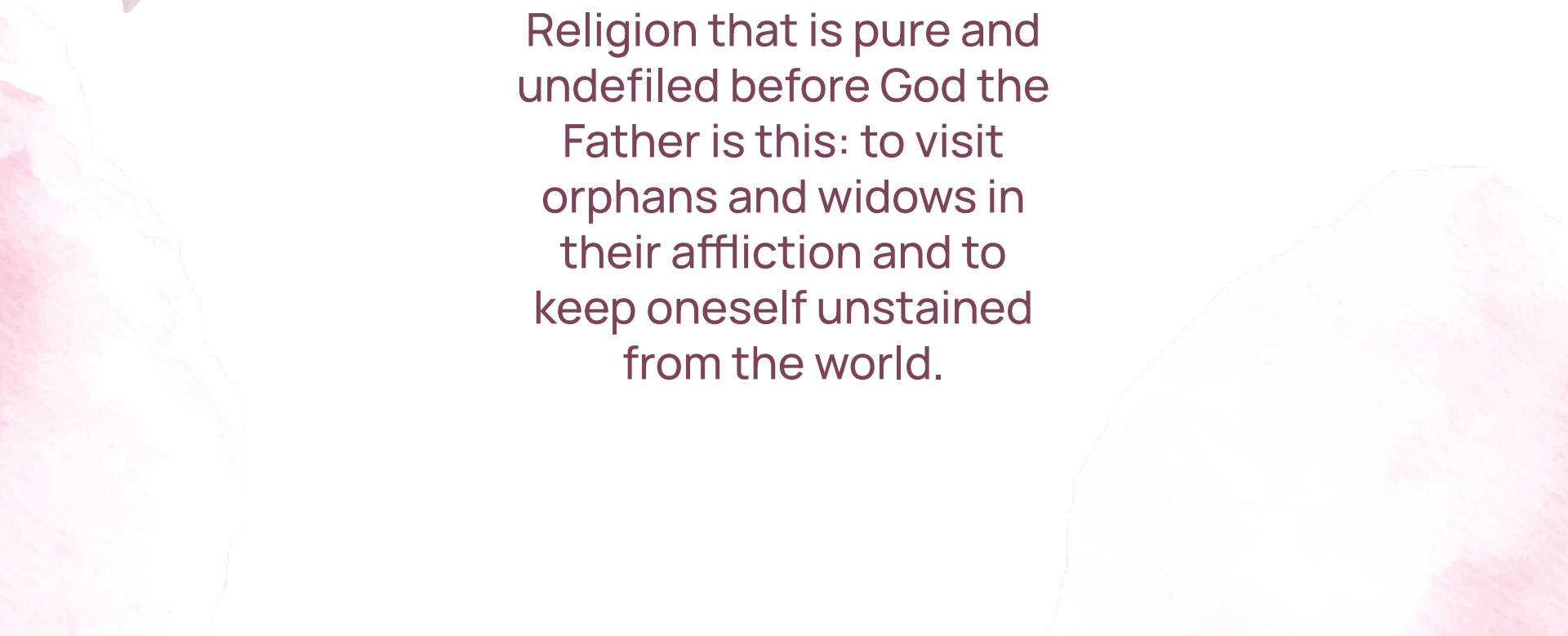
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION



SERMON TEXT

James 1: 27

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained from the world.





MORNING MEDITATION

The image features a central title "SILENT MEDITATION" in a dark purple, serif font. The background is white with decorative watercolor elements. On the left and right sides, there are clusters of pink and purple flowers with green leaves. A trail of gold speckles extends from the bottom left towards the center. The overall aesthetic is soft and artistic.

SILENT MEDITATION



PASTOR'S PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on
earth as it is in heaven. Give us this
day our daily bread, and forgive us
our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us away from
temptation, and deliver us from
evil. For thine art the kingdom, the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.





WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

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CLOSING HYMN

(GTG) #32

I Sing the Mighty Power
of God



1 I sing the mighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command,
and all the stars obey.

2 I sing the goodness of the Lord
who filled the earth with food.
God formed the creatures through the Word,
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how thy wonders are displayed,
where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread,
or gaze upon the sky!

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes thy glories known.
And clouds arise, and tempests blow,
by order from thy throne,
while all that borrows life from thee
is ever in thy care,
and everywhere that we can be,
thou, God, art present there.



THE BENEDICTION



CR CONG. RESPONSE

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Amen



P POSTLUDE

If I Could Hear My Mother
Pray

J.W. Vaughan

