Prayers of Thanksgiving

Leader: Having looked at our failings, let us now give thanks to God for the signs of God's reign in our midst.

For the UN's selfless work on behalf of refugees... *All: We give thanks.*

For the courageous stance between warring factions... *All: We give thanks.*

For the compassionate proclamations on the rights of the child... *All: We give thanks.*

For the determined commitment to eradicate prejudice based on race, gender and age... *All: We give thanks.*

For patient cooperation leading to the healing of people's bodies and the healing of ecological wounds... *All: We give thanks.*

Please add your own intentions.



Blessing

Dear God, lover of all, We praise you for giving Jesus as our Savior; He blessed the children who came to Him.

Now, look on us with love And protect us with Your love. We ask God to keep us childlike as we age, That we may inherit the Kingdom of God.

We ask for Your blessing, dear God, Through Jesus Christ, Our Teacher and Saviour.

All: Amen

—Source Unknown



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A Prayer Service for United Nations Day

October 24

"The purpose of the United Nations is to bring all nations of the world together to work for peace and development, based on the principles of justice, human dignity and the well-being of all people. It affords the opportunity for countries to balance global interdependence and national interests when addressing international problems".

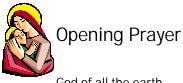
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Introduction

Today, we turn our hearts, minds

and souls to the global community. On October 24, we celebrate United Nations Day. The UN has accomplished some wonderful work in bringing peace and justice to the world. We join in thanksgiving for the good the UN has done to make this world a better place, especially for children. Today's liturgy will focus on the role which the UN has played in bettering the lives of children around the world.



God of all the earth, We come together today to pray for the United Nations. May it be a vehicle for bringing about Your Reign of Justice. May it lead us to unity and Peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

-Christine Way Skinner

The United Nations Rights of a Child



Leader: Lover of Children, you tell us that the childlike are the greatest in the kingdom of God, but too often the children of the world live in poverty, oppression and neglect. We ask your mercy and your guidance as we reflect on those rights children everywhere have. Reader 1: Children everywhere have the right to affection, love, and understanding. Reader 2: Many live alone and are un-

adequate nutrition and medical care.

Leader: For our lack of sympathy, Lord have

Reader 1: Children everywhere have the right to

Reader 2: Many live in poverty, without the ne-

Leader: For our greedy lifestyles, Christ have

Reader 1: Children have the right to an educa-

Reader 1: Children everywhere have the right to

Reader 2: Many children at a young age spend

those corporations who use children in their fac-

Reader 1: Children everywhere have the right to

Reader 2: Many children do not have access to

Leader: For our lack of awareness. Christ have

Reader 1: Children have the right to be brought

up in a spirit of peace and universal love and en-

joy these rights regardless of race, colour, sex,

Reader 2: Yet discrimination and prejudice re-

a full opportunity for play and recreation.

their days in overworked sweatshops. Leader: For continuing to financially support

special care if they are disabled.

religion, national or social origin.

Reader 2: Many live in unchosen ignorance. Leader: For our lack of guidance, Lord have

cared for.

All: Lord have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

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Leader: For allowing discrimination to continue in our society, Lord have mercy. All: Lord have mercy.



Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:1-6

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me. But if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a large millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

