

# WELCOME TO SELAH סלה

Come in.  
Sit down.  
Grab a drink  
Play a game.  
Do the puzzle.  
Meet someone new  
Catch up with a friend.

*Relax. Rest. Breathe.  
For the next two hours  
nothing else matters but  
you, us, & God.*

*It's still the  
season of light,  
the season after  
the Epiphany.*





# The Carnival Season

In The season after the Epiphany...

“epiphany” meaning “to shine forth” or “to make known; to show. To reveal.



...  
*A reminder of our call this year*  
**Come and See...** -Jesus

*& a reminder of who we are and why we are here.*

**We are a community of seekers trying to live with God in this world**

A man with a beard, wearing a white kippah with a blue floral pattern and a dark suit jacket, is shown in profile, blowing a large, curved ram's horn. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds. The text is overlaid on the image in white and black fonts.

*The Invitatory*

Blow the ram's horn, God is here...

The Lord be with you  
*And Also with you.*

God is revealed to us through Jesus, the Christ.  
*God is present in our world.*



LET US PRAY WITH ONE HEART AND ONE MIND THAT  
THIS EVENING MAY BE  
HOLY, GOOD AND PEACEFUL.

(CLOSE YOUR EYES FOR A SEC, TAKE A DEEP BREATH.  
PRAY. GOD IS NEAR).

○ God make speed to save us.

*○ Lord, make haste to help us.*

God you are in the midst of us.

*and we are called by your name.*

Be near to us, Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to  
the Holy Spirit.

*As it was in the beginning, is now and will  
be forever. Amen.*

*The Versicle: Letting God have the first word this evening.*

**Jesus said: Here's another way to put it:**  
You're here to be light, bringing out the  
God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be  
kept. We're going public with this, as public  
as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers,  
you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket,  
do you? I'm putting you on a light stand. Now that  
I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—**shine!**



STEP OUT OF THE TRAFFIC...

WHAT IS IT YOU NEED TO STEP OUT OF SO YOU CAN BE FULLY PRESENT?  
WHAT IS IT YOU NEED TO STEP TOWARDS?  
WHAT DO YOU NEED FROM GOD THIS EVENING?





Step out of the traffic  
And take a long loving look at God

Be still and be here.

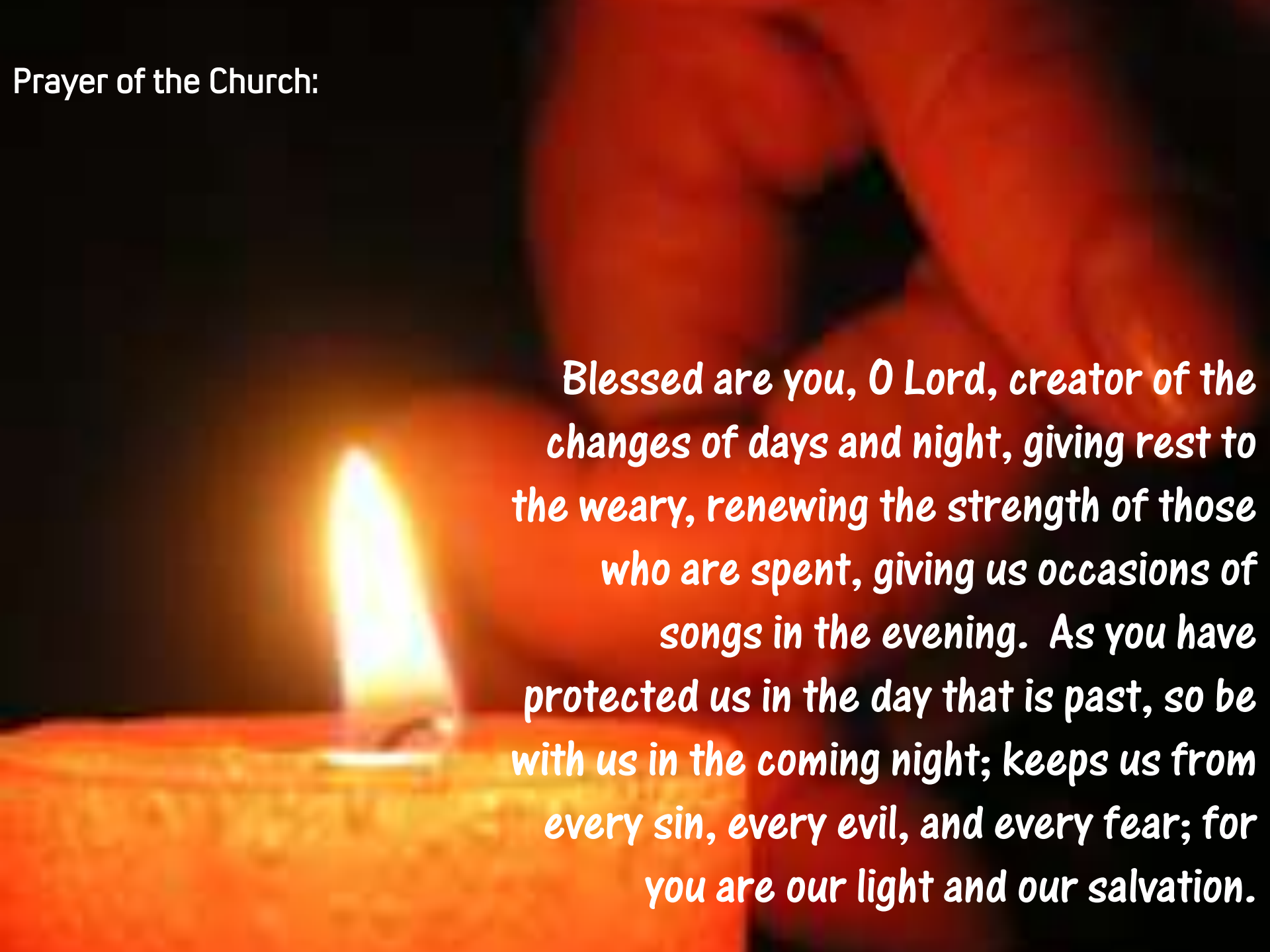
Be still and be with each other

Be still and know God.

# The lighting of the candles



## Prayer of the Church:

A lit candle in a holder, with a blurred background of a person's hands in prayer. The candle is lit, and the flame is bright. The background is a warm, reddish-orange color, suggesting a church interior. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Blessed are you, O Lord, creator of the changes of days and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, giving us occasions of songs in the evening. As you have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keeps us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and our salvation.



We are a thankful people.

We give thanks to God:

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW

PRAISE HIM ALL CREATURES HERE BELOW

PRAISE HIM ABOVE YE HEAVENLY HOSTS

PRAISE FATHER, SON AND HOLY GHOST.



We are a thankful people.

We pause to remember  
Our friend Affisu.

And we pause to remember  
the 852 million people of the world who  
will not eat this evening.

And we give thanks for each other:



**LET'S EAT...**



# *the Searching*

Hear God's invitation to seek, to search, to look, to see, to listen, to reason, to know  
To find and to be found, because

*God wishes to be seen, and He wishes to be sought,  
and He wishes to be expected, and He wishes to be trusted*

*(Julian of Norwich).*

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

Even now he lifts up my head \* above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \* have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \* Your face, LORD, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, \* nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*

do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

*Psalm 27*

*Seek the Lord and his strength;*

*Seek his presence continually.*

*We seek you O God, our God. Be known to us in our searching.*

*Psalm 105:4 (ESV & Message)*







OPEN OUR EYES, O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT SEE YOUR FACE

OPEN OUR EARS O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT HEAR YOUR VOICE.

OPEN OUR MOUTHS O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT TELL OF YOUR KINGDOM

OPEN OUR MINDS O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT FIND YOUR WAY

OPEN OUR HEARTS O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT KNOW YOUR HEALING.

OPEN OUR LIVES O LORD

THAT WE MIGHT REVEAL YOUR GLORY

*Are you rich?*

[www.globalrichlist.com](http://www.globalrichlist.com)

Everyday, 852 Million people go **hungry**. That is nearly three times the entire population of the USA.

**One out of every six children under the age of 5 lacks adequate nutrition.**

**6** percent of the world use **40** percent of its resources.

# Seriously.

**World Hunger is 100% preventable. We produce enough food to feed every person 2720 calories a day.**

**It costs \$1 to download a song from iTunes. It costs \$1 to feed and care for a child for a day.**

**1/2 of the World's Population Live on Our Latte (or Frappachino) Money.**



Are we Serious?



Are we Serious?

Are we really  
Serious?

Do we really pray? Do we really mean?

*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth...*

## *From the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6*

- vs 25-31 .... Read it first in a more literal translation, we'll read together from the Message translation.
- Put this section into context of chapter 6 ....
  - What's Jesus been talking about?
  - Who is Jesus talking to? Who is Jesus with?
  - Where is Jesus? Is this at a particular time?

## *From the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6*

19-21 "Don't hoard treasure down here where it gets eaten by moths and corroded by rust or—worse!—stolen by burglars. Stockpile treasure in heaven, where it's safe from moth and rust and burglars. It's obvious, isn't it? The place where your treasure is, is the place you will most want to be, and end up being.

22-23 "Your eyes are windows into your body. If you open your eyes wide in wonder and belief, your body fills up with light. If you live squinty-eyed in greed and distrust, your body is a dank cellar. If you pull the blinds on your windows, what a dark life you will have!

24 "You can't worship two gods at once. Loving one god, you'll end up hating the other. Adoration of one feeds contempt for the other. You can't worship God and Money both.

25-26 "If you decide for God, living a life of God-worship, it follows that you don't fuss about what's on the table at mealtimes or whether the clothes in your closet are in fashion. There is far more to your life than the food you put in your stomach, more to your outer appearance than the clothes you hang on your body. Look at the birds, free and unfettered, not tied down to a job description, careless in the care of God. And you count far more to him than birds.



## *From the Gospel of Matthew, Chapter 6*

27-29"Has anyone by fussing in front of the mirror ever gotten taller by so much as an inch? All this time and money wasted on fashion—do you think it makes that much difference? Instead of looking at the fashions, walk out into the fields and look at the wildflowers. They never primp or shop, but have you ever seen color and design quite like it? The ten best-dressed men and women in the country look shabby alongside them.

30-33"If God gives such attention to the appearance of wildflowers—most of which are never even seen—don't you think he'll attend to you, take pride in you, do his best for you? What I'm trying to do here is to get you to relax, to not be so preoccupied with *getting*, so you can respond to God's *giving*. People who don't know God and the way he works fuss over these things, but you know both God and how he works. *Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions*. Don't worry about missing out. You'll find all your everyday human concerns will be met.

34"Give your entire *attention to what God is doing right now*, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.



Are we Serious?



What is the Famine?

[www.30hourfamine.org](http://www.30hourfamine.org)

[www.worldvision.org](http://www.worldvision.org)



Why do the Famine?



About fasting



## Other Things to Know for the Famine:

- Announcements
- Packets
- Ribbons
- Interested in the # of Pledges not the amount of money raised.
- Fast begins at 1pm on Friday
- We're going to Pines until Sunday.
- Fasting from our lives this year.
- It's ok if you can't fast from food.

## Facts to Memorize:

- 87% of every dollar raised go straight to programming. The rest is overhead.

- \$1 goes a long, long way. In many parts of the world, \$1 feeds a child for an entire day. *Don't have to give a lot.*

- Extreme Poverty is completely preventable.* The world produces enough food to feed every person 2720 calories a day!

- Every 3 seconds a child dies from malnourishment and/or preventable diseases

- \$150 billion is the cost for every person in the world to have food, healthcare, education and safe water. N. American Teenagers spend \$155 billion a year on clothes, junk food, DVD's, music etc.



# Top 10 Ways to *get pledges* for the Famine



10. have you pledged the famine?
9. for every jumping jack i do, you pledge \$1
8. if another person asks you to pledge the famine immediately after this, pledge \$1 more than you did to me
7. you pledge \$10 to the famine if I can name every person in this room
6. \$1 feeds a child for a day. want to save a life?
5. the statistics are quite overwhelming , but saving a life is so worth it. pledge the famine
4. for however many songs i can name by a band of your choice, you pledge \$1 to the famine
3. think about all the luxuries that we have. now think about how we don't need them. pledge the famine, because the kids need our help.
2. introduce yourself, have a nice conversation, and casually ask if they have pledged the famine
1. if you can't pledge money, then pledge yourself to the famine. join us as we go to cumberland pines and leave behind our lives.



## How to get Pledges.

- DO NOT BE AFRAID.
- Ask
- Email (send a recording)
- Facebook notes
- Neighbors, Friends, Teachers
- Make a list of folks you can ask
  
- Sundays
  - Announcements
  - Services
  - The Adult Forum
  - Breakfast
  - Sunday School classes teachers
  - The Adult Bible Study.



# CONVERSATIONS

Because *WE'RE IN THIS THING TOGETHER.*

*And we really are knights on a mission,  
A mission from God.*

*And we don't want to just talk about it but we want  
To work this out into the details of our everyday life.*



Are we really  
Serious?

Do we really pray? Do we really mean?

*Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth...*

Americans make up 5% of the world but we  
consume 50% of the world's resources.

Think about that.

David A. Livermore

The poorest 60% of the world's  
population own only 6% of the world's  
wealth, and the richest 20% own 85% of  
the world's income.

Miguel A. De La Torre



Are we really

Serious?

*You are the generation  
That has the power to  
eradicate extreme poverty.*



If we are serious  
The only way  
we can eradicate  
extreme poverty is when  
we change  
the way we live  
In the western world

Help with changing how we live?



Contrary to how we live:  
*We don't need what we have and we  
already have what we need*

[www.coolpeoplecare.org](http://www.coolpeoplecare.org)

[www.mochaclub.org](http://www.mochaclub.org)

# A Final Practice:



We believe  
We recognize  
We commit  
We are serious.

Surely God is in this place. Holy Ground. Surely God is in this place. Holy Ground.



## Benediction:

May you get serious this week about how life should really be. May you get serious about being the Kingdom come in your everyday life. And may you get serious about the work that needs to be done so that we might make poverty history.

Go in peace .. And heal your world.

SHALOM



Peace · Be · Unto · You

**30**  
  
**HOUR**  
**FAMINE**  
February 27-  
March 1  
Let's get  
serious.

# Finding God's Rhythm.

*Living in sync with*

*God's reality,*

*God's initiative*

*God's provision.*

# Hear our prayers, O Lord.

We pray for the one billion people who live on less than one US dollar per day and for each child of God who dies every 3 ½ seconds from hunger.

**Lead us eradicate extreme poverty and hunger.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for the more than 100 million children who are not in school this day.

**Lead us to achieve universal primary education for all children.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for women who because of their gender never realize their full potential.

**Lead us to promote gender equality and empower women.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those precious children under the age of five who die every 3 seconds due to disease caused by unclean water, sanitation and poor nutrition.

**Lead us to reduce child mortality.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

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We pray for the more than 500,000 women who die each year from complications of pregnancy and childbirth.

**Lead us to improve maternal health.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who die each day from preventable diseases like HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

**Lead us to combat these diseases.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for our environment. Make us good stewards of your creation so that all of your children may lead productive and fruitful lives.

**Lead us to ensure environmental sustainability.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for a fair trading system, increased international aid and debt relief for developing countries so that all peoples may realize their dreams and their p

**Lead us to create a global partnership for development.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Help us to remember that we already have more than we need.  
And what we need we already have.

**Lead us to consume less and conserve more.**

**Lead us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Help us to change the way we live thus joining in with your campaign to  
restore this world to the way it should be.

**Lead us to live in Your way and bring your kingdom more fully alive  
here on earth.**

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

***Prayer doesn't change God. Prayer changes me.***

***-C.S. Lewis.***

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# Benediction

OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN  
REVEAL WHO YOU ARE  
SET THE WORLD RIGHT.  
DO WHAT IS BEST  
AS ABOVE SO BELOW.

KEEP US ALIVE WITH THREE SQUARE MEALS  
KEEP US FORGIVEN WITH YOU  
AND FORGIVING OTHERS.

KEEP US SAFE FROM OURSELVES AND THE DEVIL  
YOU ARE IN CHARGE.

YOU CAN DO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

YOU ARE ABLAZE WITH BEAUTY. SO BE IT.