## UNISON Prayer

"Sovereign Commander of the universe,

You are our fortress, our refuge, and our shield. Fight for us, and our foes must flee; uphold us and we cannot fall; strengthen us and we stand unmovable; stand by us and Satan must depart.

Anoint our lips with a song of salvation, and we will shout your victory and sing of your triumph.

Father, though you wrap us in the protection of your powerful and loving arms, we frequently turn away from you and put our trust in ourselves and others. We are easily enthralled by human glory and fail to see your glory, wisdom, kindness, and care.

We are easily impressed by the strengths of others, putting too much faith in "them or envying them, according to our inclinations. We have high expectations of people around us and feel undone when they fail us and behave like ordinary, depraved sinners.

Father, forgive us for putting our trust in men and women, and failing to trust you, our King of Glory.

Lord Jesus, your blood and your righteousness soar above the mountains of our sin and plead for us before the throne of grace. Every sinful act of self-worship and manworship, and the oceans of sin flowing from them, are fully paid for by your atoning blood.

Your life of obedience, in which you loved people without ever putting your hope and trust in them, is given to us to replace our own deeply flawed obedience. Jesus, thank you for accomplishing our salvation, and for giving it to us as a free gift.

Holy Spirit, free us from the worship of man, and the fear of man that flows from it. When we idolize and put our trust in others, we cannot love them.

Help us to worship God alone, and to know when our hearts are drifting once again into sinful regard for ourselves and others.

Open our eyes to see the glory and majesty of our Great King so that we will fly into his loving arms with all our fears, all our cares, and our unbelieving hearts.

There may we take refuge in the life and death of our Savior and rest in the power of our victorious King.

Teach us to trust and hope in him alone, until the day we stand before him, captivated by his glory, and lost in his love.

Amen."

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