



## A Prayer of Thanks and Celebration: God's Transforming Power

Our Creator God,

We gather here, knowing that all the power we need in our lives comes from your loving hands. Your Spirit, which breathes life into our bodies, also empowers, carries, and transforms our souls. You have given us life and love, asked us to be dedicated children and faithful servants, and carried us through challenges and triumphs. You have graced us with the model of your Son, as our friend and teacher. And you have turned death around, bringing new beginnings and granting lasting hope, through the resurrection of Jesus, our Christ and Savior.

It is with an enormous spirit of thanksgiving that we come before you now. We recognize that we are a large part of your plan for your world. You hope that we will be leaders in bringing love and transformation to others in your name. You expect that we will follow in the steps of Jesus, practicing a love that is revolutionary. You ask that we will find as many ways as possible to share your message.

We give thanks, here and now for the ministries of ABCCONN and of Camp Wightman. Within these ministries, there are many individuals who touch lives each day, reaching out to help people connect with their faith, their communities, and with you, O God. We know that we must re-dedicate ourselves to creative and renewing efforts to ensure that all those who need you have the opportunity to know you. We ask that you continue to bless these ministries, and that you guide us as we strive to be true to your expectations. Hear our prayers and accept our pledges of support, in many forms. Keep us strong that we may share our resources. Help us to know how

we can offer our gifts. And be with us as we seek to ensure that your transforming power is seen, celebrated, and spread throughout the world. Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

