

Heavenly Father,

We thank you that by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus that we have been redeemed and empowered to be servants of the Lord our master. As your servants thank you for the providential care we have experienced from you in recent weeks during this pandemic. You are the perfect master who oversees all things that your servants suffer. Thank you that we are upheld by you as only you are able to make us to stand before you.

Thank you for the faith that you grant us to live and work together in your church. As we see in Romans 14, you grant us grace to welcome the weak in faith whether to partake or abstain, or whether to honor one day over another.

While we are unable to gather, impress upon us that even now none of us lives or dies to ourselves. Because you have bought us we live or die to the Lord. Thank you for dying and rising to live that you are Lord both of the living and the dead.

Father, as we contemplate our frailty and temporal physical existence remind us that we as a part of all flesh will stand before your judgment seat to give an account of ourselves to you. Thank you for the gifts of repentance and faith to bow our knee to you and confess with our tongue that you are Lord. Move among us as Lord by the power of your Spirit and do a great work today through the proclamation of your word to the glory of your name.

Amen.