

ALL: who looks at the world and sees the hatred that segregates, divides, sets people aside, hurts and kills, who sees the bullets piercing the flesh, and the blood of innocent people flowing on the earth, who sees the hand that dips into another's pocket, stealing what somebody needs to eat, who sees the judge that favors the highest bidder, the truth and justice of hypocrites, who sees the dirty rivers and the dead fish, the toxic substances destroying the earth and piercing the sky who sees the future mortgaged and humanity's debt growing.

Leader: I believe in God who sees all this ...

ALL: and keeps on crying. But I also believe in God who sees a mother giving birth – a life born from pain, who sees two children playing - a seed growing, who sees a flower blooming out of the debris - a new beginning, who sees three crazy women clamoring for justice – an illusion that doesn't die who sees the sun rising every morning - a time of opportunities.

Leader: I believe in God who sees all this ...

ALL: and laughs, because, in spite of it all, there is hope.

CLOSING PRAYER

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Eternal God, we come to you with hungry hearts, waiting to be filled:

waiting to be filled with the sense of your presence;

waiting to be filled with the touch of your spirit;

waiting to be filled with new energy for service.

Come to us, we pray.

Be with us.

Touch us.

Empower us as your people that we might unite across time and distance in this digital space to act in our conference, congregations and communities for Jesus' sake. Amen.