

## Some examples of litanies & creeds I have created or used for worship for the Gathering North & the Grace Hub

### A New Creed (by Reverend Nicole Collins)

*(Please be seated)*

**ALL:** St. Paul gave us the 1st creed—Jesus is Lord.  
He continues in his letter to the Philippians to say—to the glory of God the Father.  
We must daily reflect what Grace means to each and everyone of us  
Christ Jesus, our crucified Lord came down to save us.  
He took the form of man as we profess in the universal creeds—  
That He is fully human and fully Divine  
He bore the cross and He rose from the grave defeating sin, death and the devil  
He has ascended into heaven, the land of Grace  
As children of God aspiring children of Grace and promise  
We pledge our lives to live intentionally obedient to the sovereign Lord Jesus  
It is through Him Alone—Grace Alone, Living Word Alone that through Faith Alone  
We can live into the Kingdom of God—the lifestyle of Grace. AMEN

### A New Creed II *Inspired by the Nicene Creed; by Reverend Nicole Collins*

**ALL:** We believe in the Triune God; Creator & Sovereign of all the Earth  
And all things visible & invisible—what we may not understand  
Father, Son & Holy Spirit  
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the only Son of the Father, incarnate from a virgin  
Mary, the Mother of Our Lord—through her He was made man  
Fully Human and Fully Divine  
Our Lord Jesus bore the cross, as ordered by Pontius Pilate  
He truly suffered, died and was buried  
Upon the 3<sup>rd</sup> day's rise according to the Living Word, defeating sin, death & the power of the devil—  
Our Lord Jesus resurrected, ascended to heaven & is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
The Lord Jesus will return in glory and judgment over both the living & the deceased  
We must know deeply in our hearts that His sovereign Kingdom will never end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, its gift of life and transformation  
Which proceeds from the Father & the Son  
All three, we worship and glorify  
The Prophets have foretold and taught us of the Triune sovereignty  
We believe in the Sanctified, universal & disciple-centered Church  
We acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins & the motivation for our lives to live in Grace  
We must look for the resurrection of the dead  
And build, model, shape our lives for the world to come.  
Amen

### Irenaeus' Rules of Faith *(Please be seated)*

**ALL:** We Believe in one God, the Father Almighty, who made the heaven and the earth and the seas and all the things that are in them; and in one Christ Jesus, the Son of God, who was made flesh for our salvation; and in the Holy Spirit, who made known through the prophets the plan of salvation, and the coming, and the birth from a virgin, and the passion, and the resurrection from the dead, and the bodily ascension into heaven of the beloved Christ Jesus, our Lord, and his future appearing from heaven in the glory of the Father to sum up all things and to raise anew all flesh of the whole human race.  
AMEN

### The Disciple's Creed *(Based on a young Zimbabwe pastor)*

**ALL:** I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. The die has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His and I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away, or be still. My past is redeemed. My present makes sense. My future is secure. I'm done and finished with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, cheap living, and

dwarfed goals. I live by faith, lean on His presence, walk by patience, lift by prayer, and labor by Holy Spirit power. My face is set. My gait is fast. My goal is heaven. My road may be narrow, my way rough, my companions few, but my guide is reliable and my mission is clear. I will not be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice or hesitate in the presence of the adversary. I will not negotiate at the table of the enemy. I won't give up, shut up, or let up until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ.

I am a disciple of Jesus. I must give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He comes. And when He does come for His own, He'll have no problems recognizing me. My colors will be clear!

**A Lenten Creed** *inspired from the monastic order of Saint Simon Cyrene*

**ALL:** May I indeed deny myself the excesses of this world. Taking only what I need for myself and household. Seeking nothing for my vainglory nor reason to boast. If I boast of anything, as taught by the scriptures, let me boast in the Lord and in him alone.

May I indeed take up my cross. Let me accept the sorrow and suffering that is mine for the sake of others. Let me sacrifice my time and effort for the uplift of the greater good. As with our Lord in the Gethsemane, I cannot deny and must express my sorrow. Nevertheless, I accept the will of God and understand there is a greater necessity and glory in the same and pain that I bear.

May I indeed follow our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ this day. Not for the sake of popularity nor cultural norm. But because I have come to know him for myself. Because I have walked with him and bear witness to his salvation in my life. Therefore, I drop my nets of earthly expectations and leave my tables of society's standards to follow the Good Shepherd wherever he leads me in life.

I am compelled by my love for the Gospel and desire to live in holiness. I am merely a passer-by in this world. There is a greater home that I see to reside in. May my life on this earth inspire and lead others to the true belief and faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen

**The Old Roman Creed** *(early form of the Apostles' Creed)*

**ALL:** *I believe in God the Father almighty; and in Christ Jesus His only Son, our Lord.*

*Who was born from the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,*

*Who under Pontius Pilate was crucified, and buried, on the third day rose again from the dead,*

*ascended to the heaven, sits at the right hand of the Father, whence he will come to judge the living and the dead; and in the Holy Spirit, the holy Church, the remission of sins, the resurrection of the flesh. Amen*

**The Augsburg Confession; Article III: Of the Son of God** *(Please be seated)*

**ALL:** The Word, that is, the Son of God, did assume the human nature in the womb of the blessed virgin Mary, so that there are two natures, the divine and the human, inseparably enjoined in one Person, one Christ, true God and true man, who was born of the virgin Mary, truly suffered, was crucified, dead, and buried, that He might reconcile the Father unto us, and be a sacrifice, not only for original guilt, but also for all actual sins of humans. He also descended into hell, and truly rose again the third day; afterward He ascended into heaven that He might sit on the right hand of the Father, and forever reign and have dominion over all creatures, and sanctify them that believe in Him, by sending the Holy Ghost into their hearts, to rule, comfort, and quicken them, and to defend them against the devil and the power of sin. AMEN

## Sample benedictions created for the Gathering North & the Grace Hub

### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Created by Reverend Collins)*

**Leader:** May the Holy Spirit reign in and train our Hearts for the Glory of Your Gospel!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Created by Reverend Collins)*

**Leader:** Grow and Go with the Gospel of Christ Jesus!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL: AMEN**

*(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Created by Reverend Collins)*

**Leader:** Be a Bold Witness to and for the Lord!

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL: AMEN**

*(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer #125--For Christ-like Service to Neighbors)*

**Leader:** Lord, You give yourself so richly and abundantly... I Pray that I may do to my neighbor as You do to me.

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer # 134—Under Great Trials and Persecution (At the Diet in Worms, April 18, 1521))*

**Leader:** So your Word and Spirit come to my rescue even if only for the body. And my soul is yours.

It belongs to you, and may it remain with you forever.

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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### **BENEDICTION**

**Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired from Luther's prayer # 134—Under Great Trials and Persecution (At the Diet in Worms, April 18, 1521))*

**Leader:** O God, stand by me in the name of your dear Son Jesus Christ who shall be my Protector and Defender, even my mighty Fortress, through the power and help of your Holy Spirit.

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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**BENEDICTION Scattering Proclamation** *(Inspired by Luther's prayer 98—Consecration )*

**Leader:** O Jesus Christ, I live to you; I die to you; living or dying, I am yours.

In the name of the Father, † Son & Holy Spirit

**ALL AMEN** *(Please make the sign of the Cross)*

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