

TOGETHER WE PRAY MAY 14 2017

Bidding: Lord, open our lips

Response: **That we might proclaim your praise**

God of heaven's glory, we are sorry for the times we have blocked our ears to your truth, been deafened by prejudices. We repent when we have stood and watched injustice, unfeeling, self-righteous. We admit we have thrown stones of criticism, hurled hurtful gossip, tossed damaging arrogance. We listen and take hold of the forgiveness prayed by Stephen, prayed by Jesus. Fill us afresh with your Holy Spirit.
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Abba Father God, we thank you that we can linger in the upper room, that we can hear Jesus' words of assurance. We are strengthened by the amazing promise of a place lovingly prepared for us and for our loved ones, a home blessed by the presence of the Risen Lord, the picture of a room of welcome, always, at your "inn". Like the first disciples, we will leave the upper room, go out into the world beyond Jerusalem.

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Enliven and deepen our faith in Jesus. Help us to walk the way of servanthood with him, to speak and share your truth perfectly revealed in him, to live the life of humility and compassion following him. We thank you that the Jesus-story allows us to see the value and sacredness of the ordinary, of life lived fully in the everyday.

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We bring to you the needs of our community....the sad and lonely...the struggling and bewildered.....the young and the old...our families....our needs.....Guide our requests to be in line with the character of Christ, within your loving will and purposes. Then we can pray "in Jesus' name."

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Risen Christ, you are the way – help us to follow you more nearly.

You are the Truth – help us to see you more clearly.

You are the Life – help us to love you more dearly, day by day.