Almighty God,

We praise you that you are good, your love endures forever. You are our God and we are your people. We praise you that your kingdom covers the earth, that you are not restricted by time nor space. Thank you that your people are from every tribe and language and people and nation. Thank you for your faithfulness to all your people in every generation.

We thank you for your creation of all things in Heaven and on earth.

We thank you for your only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to come to earth and be born of a virgin.

We thank you that He was obedient to death on the cross for us, and that he died and was buried, for our salvation.

We thank you that he rose again on the third day as had been prophesied and that He ascended into Heaven. Thank you that our Lord Jesus is at this moment sitting at the right hand of the Father. Thank you that he will return again in glory as judge.

We thank you for the Holy Spirit which is sent to give life, help and peace to your people.

Thank you for your church and for the Christians who came before us: those who have taught us and given us an example to follow, saints and scholars, missionaries and martyrs.

Thank you for the faithful people who gathered at Nicaea to address a controversy about Jesus and how your Spirit led them into truth. Thank you for the statement of faith created that summarises the most important parts of what we believe.

We remember how in the Upper Room before he went to the Garden of Gethsemane, our Lord Jesus prayed for all his people that they may be one. We recognise that he was praying for us.

We pray for peace and unity among your people that we may show and experience God’s great love.

We pray for all Christians around the world, particularly those facing persecution or trials of any kind because of their faith. May your Holy Spirit encourage and strengthen them, relieve their distress and and give them confidence in their faithful God.

We ask for your grace that we too may be faithful followers of Jesus Christ, continuing to run the race towards the Heavenly prize to which God calls us, and the eternal life promised to your people.

In Jesus’ name

Amen

Responsorial Prayer

Reader: Almighty God, we thank you for creating heaven and earth, and that the whole creation declares your majesty. We thank you that you are our Father and we your children.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

Reader: We thank God the Son, our Lord Jesus, who was crucified, died and was buried and who rose again, and all for our salvation. We look forward to His glorious return.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

Reader: We thank God the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who applies truth to our hearts and gives us peace. May we listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit and respond to it.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

Reader: We thank you for your church, and for those who came before us and upon whose legacy we stand. We thank you today for those who met at Nicaea in 325 (and later at Constantinople) to prepare the Nicene Creed that we use as a summary of our faith.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

As our Lord prayed in the Upper Room that all his people would be one, please give us open hearts to our brothers and sisters in the faith that we may all be able to demonstrate your love to the world.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

We remember Christians facing persecutions and all kinds of trials because of their faith. Provide them comfort, relieve their distress, give them confidence in God and endurance to remain faithful. May we too remain faithful to you through our own journey until we reach the promised life of the world to come.

Response: We praise You, Our Faithful God.

Amen