**UnitingWorld: We’re Better Together**

**Prayer 1**

***God of the poor***

You were born into a world where mothers knew how it felt

To see their children suffer and die,

A world where fathers despaired every day of being able to feed their families.

You walked among us:

Sat with mothers, shared bread with fathers

Healed the sick and challenged the strong.

You took on even death and brought us the hope of life.

**In your name**, together we challenge the power of poverty

To hold men, women and children captive.

**In your name**, together we speak out with those

Who don’t have enough because our world refuses to share.

God of the poor, give us the courage to hear the cry of those who are hungry

So that we might open our hearts and be generous.

Give us the courage to speak to those in power so that injustice is challenged

And in your name, give us the courage to act so that the meanness of poverty flees

We ask this in Jesus’ name

Amen.

**Prayer 2**

**Leader**: God, we believe in a world where the hungry are fed

The blind see and the poor hear good news.

**All:** Help us be that good news.

**Leader:** Be with our partners across Asia, Africa and the Pacific:

Leaders of churches who regularly go without wages,

Ministering in war zones, among people who aren’t sure where their next meal might come from, with those who have been traumatised and those who’ve seen their homes destroyed.

**All:** Help us to give and pray to strengthen their ministry.

**Leader**: God, we give thanks for people everywhere who are creative, tough, hardworking and willing to sacrifice all they have for their families, their communities and to build a better world.

**All**: Might we count ourselves among them.

**Leader:** Remind us that we are part of your body at work in this world. When one part suffers, we all suffer. When one part rejoices, we all rejoice.

**All:** In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen.