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A Prayer to the Creator

Lord, Father of our human family, you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter, dialogue, justice, and peace.

Move us to create healthier societies and a more dignified world, a world without hunger,
poverty, violence, and war. May our hearts be open to all the peoples and nations
of the earth.

May we recognize the goodness and beauty that you have sown in each of us, and thus forge
bonds of unity, common projects, and shared dreams. Amen.

An Ecumenical Christian Prayer

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life,
pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love.

Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early
Christian community.

Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being,
recognizing him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our
world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start.

Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we
may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of
the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.