

Our Father,

Thank You for the visitation of Christ — that He took on manhood in addition to His deity. Thank You for His humility, His condescension, His willingness to set aside His rights in Glory to come to us, to be with us, to live for us, to die for us, to be resurrected for us, to be ascended for us. To accomplish redemption for us — a redemption that we could never accomplish. Thank You that in that redemption He has bought us out of sin and freed us from our bondage to sin and the flesh and given us a new way to live — to be able to please You.

Thank You that He came as the fulfillment of the promises to Abraham and David. And thank You that His salvation has been declared to Israel and to the nations.

As we come with gratitude for this salvation for ourselves, we also come asking for salvation for others:

- We ask salvation for unbelieving family members (the list is long):
  - We ask for our children who do not yet believe because they are too young to understand
  - We ask for our children who do understand and are unconvinced
  - We ask for our parents who have long understood and rejected and become rebellious
  - We ask for our siblings who have become enamored with the world and rejected Christ
  - We ask for extended family members who have been unimpressed with Jesus
- We ask salvation for our neighbors and co-workers — Satan has blinded them to Christ's glory...
- We ask for our own testimony — that the lives we live would be compelling for the gospel
- We ask for our opportunities among the nations —
  - Keith, Lisa, and Aric in England/Dubai
  - Rodrigo and Sheila Avila in Chile
  - The Feni people who have the Scriptures in their own language...

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for Your salvation of us, and we grieve for those who do not yet believe. Would you increase our gratitude, increase our boldness, and increase our effectiveness in telling the good news of salvation from Jesus, who came to visit us with this salvation.

In the grace and name of Christ we pray, Amen.