

# The Church of India – CIPBC

## *Memorial Church Anglican Whitefield*

*Consecrated 1886*

Main Road, Whitefield, Bangalore 560 066

### *For God And Country*

*From the Nave the Priest shall say*

**Priest:** In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

**Congregation:** Amen

**Processional:** O God Our Help In Ages Past.

*During the singing of this Hymn, the Flag bearer will follow the Priest and stop at the step to the Altar, move one step sideways towards the Gospel side and remain there facing the Altar. The Priest shall stand on the Epistle side, turn towards the Congregation and say...*

**Priest:** And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their

swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Isaiah 2:4

But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

The Bible provides an instructive account of how God blesses those who are faithful and trust in him. The Bible also repeatedly tells the history of nations that forgot their trust in God only to lose his blessings. Let us be thankful for the blessings our country has received and be proud of our national motto – Satyameva Jayate (truth alone triumphs)

*Let us all kneel in prayer*

*Priest shall proceed to the centre of the Sanctuary; face the Congregation, hold the lower tip of the Flag held by the Flag Bearer and then shall say the following prayer. The Congregation shall kneel.*

O God, in your marvellous wisdom you order all things; graciously accept the prayers we offer for our country, so that harmony and justice may be secured by wise leaders and upright citizens and all may enjoy lasting prosperity and peace. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, One God forever and ever.

**Congregation:**      **Amen**

*The flag bearer shall turn, retrace his steps and place the Flag at its prescribed location and shall return to his seat and kneel. The Priest and Congregation shall remain kneeling.*

**A Member:**      Dear Lord, our God Almighty, we come to You on bended knees, heads bowed and our hearts filled to the brim with so much grief for the many peoples of our land who have been attacked and killed in our National crises of terrorism, drought and sickness.

We ask you Lord, to give courage and strength to those who so bravely go to their aid. And though their hearts will be heavy and filled with sorrow we ask You Lord that You give them the

endurance needed to help them through these difficult tasks.

Please give us the strength Lord, to get through each difficult and devastating day that faces each one of us and our Country. Protect and guide our Security Forces, Defence Personnel, Civil Servants, Health Care Professionals and others that are constantly being called to duty.

We ask Lord, that You guide the leaders of our great country in their hours of decision. The burden that has been placed on their shoulders is overwhelming. We ask that with Your infinite wisdom you will guide them gently to the right decisions.

And lastly Lord, we ask that you allow us all to come together as a Nation, to stand tall and united, so that we might help each other in our hour of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation:**

**Amen**

*The Priest and Congregation shall stand. The Priest shall turn towards the East*

**A Member:**

## **Remembrance**

- The Father of our nation
- The Members of our Constituent Assembly
- All our Leaders who ably led our Country and are no more
- Members of the Defence Forces – the Army, Navy and Air Force
- Members of the Security Forces, Intelligence and Investigative agencies.
- And those in The Civil Services and all those who have laid down their lives in fulfilling their duty to our Nation.

We shall remain in silent prayer for two minutes and thank God for the lives of those who laid down their lives, that we breath in freedom this day...

## **Renewal of our Commitment**

**All:**

**We, The People Of India, Having Solemnly Resolved To Constitute India Into A Sovereign; Socialist; Secular; Democratic Republic; And To Secure To All Its Citizens:**

**JUSTICE, social, economic and political;  
LIBERTY of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship;  
EQUALITY of status and of opportunity; and to promote among them all  
FRATERNITY assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation; to this we renew our commitment. Jai Hind.**

*The Priests and Deacons shall proceed to their seats and they along with the Congregation shall kneel*

### **Responsive Prayers**

**A Member:**

We thank You, our Almighty and Heavenly Father, for this our country - India, our sweet land of freedom, a haven of hope and above all our home and inheritance.

**Congregation:**

**We consecrate this day to the celebration of the sacred ideals of justice and independence, which brought it to birth. We praise you, our creator, for our nation's beauty, its snow-capped mountains and its tropics; its ancient forests and shimmering deserts; its mighty cities and its rural quiet; its roaring seashores, crystal clear springs, still**

**lakes and coursing rivers; its hills and caverns; its ploughed fields and its echoing wilderness.**

**A Member:**

For everything good in the reasons that brought us here – a spirit of adventure, a triumph over all odds, determination for deliverance, desire for opportunity, a quest for education, a passion for exploring, love of family, a sense of mission – we also thank you, who are the Lord of all our journeys, for all of the many places from which we have come, that have given each of us strength to share, we praise and thank you. How blessed and rich we are in one another! From this vast reservoir of ability, intelligence and talent, O Lord, let us draw fully and together meet the challenges of our day.

**Congregation:**

**Let us not rest, O Lord, until we have ushered in the day when children of every caste, colour, creed and condition, male or female, may without barrier or impediment partake equally in opportunities to fulfil the potential with which you have endowed them. May we, who have so prospered under the blessings of our birthright, extend those**

**blessings across every boundary of  
privilege and prejudice.**

**A Member:**

Inspire our determination to fulfil our nation's highest promise. Grant that by the power of Your Holy Spirit we may with courage and wisdom contend with every tyranny yet unconquered in our midst.

**Congregation:**

**Call to our remembrance the sacrifice and foresight of our nation's founding fathers, that we may not retreat into merely private pursuits, but rise to the call of duty in our day as they did in theirs. Grant that we, too, may live not merely for the present or for ourselves but that we may serve the future with action in accordance with our best traditions.**

**A Member:**

We, who are first citizens of your kingdom, O God, seek your guidance that we may be also good citizens of our country. Strengthen and enlighten us by your grace that our love of our country may express itself in our love and care of one another.

**Congregation:**

**Deliver us from merely sentimental patriotism. Give us hearts that seek to serve our beloved country, that our precious freedom be not idly**



squandered in vain and self-centred pursuits, nor perverted into the practices that deny it to others, but ever be directed to its safekeeping and to the preservation of that expansive liberty of mind, heart and will which you, O Lord, first gave us. In the name, above all names, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Priest and Congregation shall be seated*

**Old Testament:**

**Psalm:**

**New Testament:**

*The Priest and Congregation shall stand and sing*

**Gradual Hymn: All People That On Earth Do Dwell**

**Holy Gospel:**

*All remain standing and say The Apostles Creed*

**All: I believe in God the Father  
Almighty, Maker of Heaven and  
Earth: And in Jesus Christ his only  
son our Lord, who was conceived**

by the Holy Spirit, born of the  
Virgin Mary, Suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified †, dead  
and buried, He descended into Hell,  
the third day he rose again from the  
dead, He ascended into Heaven and  
sitteth on the right of God the  
Father Almighty; From thence he  
shall come to judge the quick and  
the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the  
Holy Catholic Church; the  
Communion of Saints; the  
forgiveness of sins; the resurrection  
of the body; and the life everlasting.  
† Amen

*The Priest and Congregation shall be  
seated*

#### **APPROPRIATE EXPERIENCE FROM A MEMBER**

*In lieu of Sermon*

*The Priest and Congregation shall  
stand and sing the following Hymn  
when the offertory shall be received  
by the warden and presented to the  
Priest*

**Offertory Hymn:      How Great Thou Art**

*Our Offerings is received*

*The Priest shall receive the offering of the Congregation, turn towards the East and say*

**Priest:** Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we do humbly present to You these our alms and pray for Your acceptance and that they be used according to Your will. **Amen**

*All shall sing the Doxology*

**Congregation:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures here below,  
Praise Him above the heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.  
**Amen**

*The Congregation shall kneel. The Priest standing and continuing to face the East, shall lead the following Intercessory Prayers*

## **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**Priest:** Let us be grateful for our heritage as Indians, rejoicing that in this land we bring together so many strands of culture, language, customs and creeds that make up the rich pattern of our

national life. Bless the Lord O my Soul.

**Congregation:**      **And all that is within me, Bless his Holy Name.**

**Priest:**                      Let us give thanks for the age-old custom of celebrating independence by the remission of debt, praying that the spirit of celebration may bring release and new hope for all who are burdened, and freedom from debt throughout our motherland. Bless the Lord O my Soul.

**Congregation:**      **And all that is within me, Bless his Holy Name.**

**Priest:**                      Let us humbly acknowledge that as a nation we have not always followed the Law of our Land and heeded God's word recalling times when selfish gains has come before service of others, and praying for the grace of penitence and the assurance of full and free forgiveness through the merit of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Bless the Lord O my Soul.

**Congregation:**      **And all that is within me, Bless his Holy Name.**

**Priest:**                      Our risen Christ, in you, past, present and future, are brought together in one

great hope. Renew our faith in you, so that the past may not hinder us, nor the present overwhelm us, or the future frighten us. You have brought us this far; continue to lead us until our hope is fulfilled and we join with all God's people in never-ending praise; For your name's sake.

**Congregation:**        **Amen.**

*The Priest shall kneel. The  
Congregation shall continue to kneel*

**An Elder:**                **For The Church.**

Our gracious Father, we humbly beseech You for this Your Holy Church; that You would be pleased to fill it with all truth and in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, correct it; where there is amiss, reform it. Where it is right, establish it; where it is in want, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of Him who died and rose again, and ever liveth, Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**All:**                        **Amen**

**Office Bearer:**        **For Our Country.**

Almighty God, who has given us this good and great land for our heritage; We humbly beseech You that we may always prove ourselves as people mindful of your favour and glad to do Your will. Bless this, our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in Your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to Your law, we may show forth Your praise among the nations of this world. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, let not our trust in You fail; all this we ask through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Priest:** As our Saviour, Jesus Christ has taught us, we boldly say...

**All:** **Our Father, Which Art In Heaven, Hallowed Be Thy Name, Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will Be Done, In Earth As It Is In Heaven, Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread, And Forgive Us Our Trespases, As We Forgive Them That Trespass**

**Against Us, Lead Us Not Into  
Temptation, But Deliver Us From  
Evil, For Thine Is The Kingdom,  
The Power, And The Glory, For  
Ever And Ever, † Amen**

*The Priest shall stand at the centre of  
the Sanctuary; facing East. The  
Congregation continues to kneel*

### **Dedication**

**Priest:**

As we come to the end of this  
thanksgiving service for our  
Motherland, India, let us dedicate  
ourselves anew, to the Service of  
God, our Nation and our World.

*Let us pray together.*

**Congregation:**

**Lord of our lives and God of our  
salvation, Grant that we may live  
by your word, Remembering with  
grateful thanks the examples of  
dedication and service by our fore  
fathers, and here and now we  
commit ourselves afresh to service  
our Local Community – Whitefield,  
our City – Bangalore, our State –  
Karnataka towards the building up  
of our India, in the name of the  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*The Priest shall face the  
Congregation and shall pronounce  
the Benediction*

**BENEDICTION:**

**Priest:** O God grant to the living / Grace / to  
the departed / Rest / to the church and  
the citizens of India / Peace and  
Concord / and to Your servants / Life  
Everlasting / and may the Blessings of  
God Almighty, The Father †, The Son  
† and The Holy Ghost † be with you  
all now and forevermore. ✠

**Congregation:** **Three-Fold Amen.**

*The Congregation shall stand and  
sing the following hymn and the  
Priest shall recess*

**Recessional:** **Glorious Things Of Thee Are  
Spoken**

*From the Nave, the Deacon or Priest  
facing East, shall say*

**Bidding:** Go forth into the world in Peace, be of  
good courage, hold fast that which is  
good, render to no one evil for evil,  
strengthen the faint hearted, support  
the weak, help the afflicted and  
honour all people. ✠

**Congregation:** **In the name of Our Lord, † Amen.**