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1. Bathe me in your light, O God of All, Creator;
let it shine upon my soul with healing and with grace.
Be to me a beacon bright through shadows of life's wounding
showing me the way to live in faith, in your embrace.
2. Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder
help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart release
3. Bathe me in your grace, O One of Spirit's longing;
teach me of your gentle ways that fill my soul with strength.
Guide me on the pilgrimage that leads to truth and wholeness,
Fill me with your promise of a love that knows no length.

Minute for Mission: *“Protecting a Child’s Rights”*

Emmanuel Dennis Ngongo was 13 years old when he came across the Kenya Alliance for Advancement of Children’s Rights (KAACR) through his school’s Child’s Rights Club.

KAACR is a long-standing Mission & Service global partner.

When his parents were transferred to another district and he had to change schools, Emmanuel wrote to KAACR to get help in launching a new club. Kenya has dire statistics on violence against children. Rape, abuse, and child labour occur widely in both rural and urban areas. For many young people, the situation is made worse by their inability to speak out at school or within their communities.

KAACR, a network organization established nearly two decades ago, serves as a platform for like-minded youth to engage in communications and advocacy on ending violence against children in Kenya. Using channels such as WhatsApp and social media, KAACR has reached at least 200 young men and women, many of whom have amazing stories to tell about their transformation.

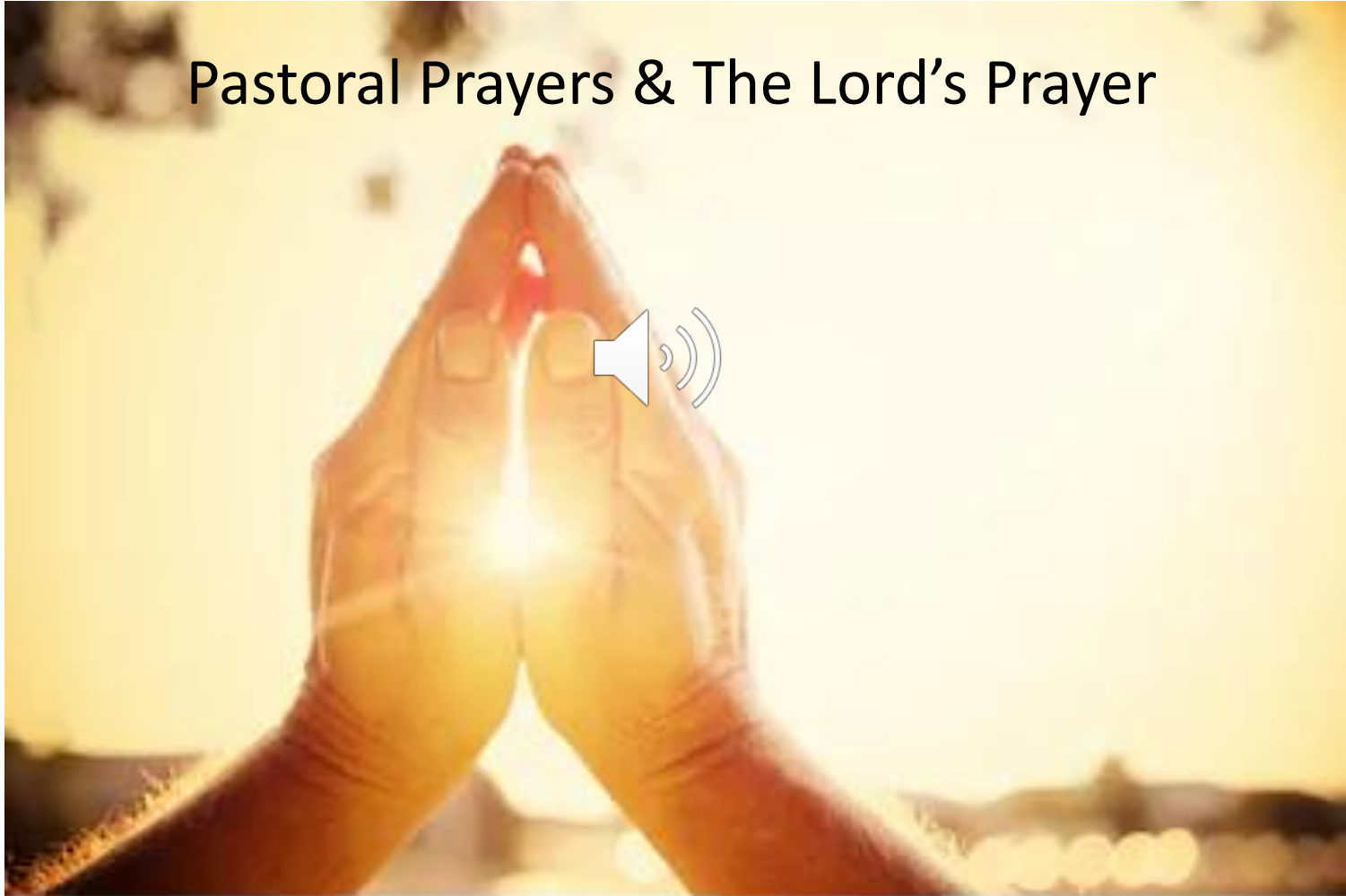
They share ideas and propel change at regional, national, and international levels.

Their primary mandate is to champion children’s rights everywhere; they believe every child should be protected.

Emmanuel was so inspired by his experiences with KAACR that he launched the Child’s Rights Defenders Movement with other peers in 1999, which was hosted by KAACR. He later worked for KAACR as an advocate protecting girls from female genital mutilation and early marriage, and in general youth development work, where he coordinated Youth Employment Summit sessions in Kenya and throughout Africa.

If Mission & Service giving is already a regular part of your life, thank you so much! If you have not given, please join me in making Mission & Service giving a regular part of your life of faith. Loving our neighbour is at the heart of our Mission & Service.

Pastoral Prayers & The Lord's Prayer





Sing your praise to God eternal VU#244

1 Sing your praise to God eternal,
sing your praise to God the Son,
sing your praise to God the Spirit,
living and forever One.

God has made us, God has blessed us,
God has called us to be true.

God rules over all creation,
daily making all things new.

2 Join the praise of every creature,
sing with singing birds at dawn;
when the stars shine forth at nightfall,
hear their heavenly antiphon.

Praise God for the light of summer,
autumn glories, winter snows,
for the coming of the springtime
and the life of all that grows.

3 Praise God on our days of gladness
for the summons to rejoice;
praise God in our times of sadness
for the calm, consoling voice.
God our Maker, strong and loving,
Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,
living God, Creator Spirit,
be your holy name adored!

COMMISSIONING :

As we continue our Lenten journey:

Know that God will lead you as a shepherd leads his sheep.

God will lead us carefully;

for God knows each one of us by name.

God will lead us wisely; and God will lead us bravely;

for God knows our limitations and strength.

God will lead us in faith, and always  us on right paths.

BENEDICTION:

And may the Love of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Spirit

Rest and abide with each and everyone of you,

This day, now, and forever.



CHORAL BLESSING: (Go Now in Peace)

Go now in peace, never be afraid

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love and show you believe

Reach out to others, so all the world can see

God will be there, watching from above,

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

A-a-men, A-a-men, A-a-a-men (Don Besig & Nancy Price)