**Opening & Closing Prayers**

**Opening Prayer**

Here we are again Lord,

We come with much on our hearts,

some will be joyful,

some will be sad and hurting,

We ask that you meet with us exactly where we are,

and that as we worship together

we may know again your friendship and goodness in our lives,

both individually and together.

**Amen**

**Closing Prayer**

Thank you for being with us Lord, and as our service draws to a close let us not think that we can spend the rest of the day in forgetfulness of You.

Rather, may we draw strength, grace and faith from this time together and go out with joy, peace and thankful hearts in full acknowledgement for all you have done for us and with a fresh determination to live our lives for You.

**Amen**