

UMCOR SUNDAY

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AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST

On UMCOR Sunday, incorporate these prayers as part of your order of worship. They are based on lectionary texts for the Fourth Sunday in Lent in Year C (2 Corinthians 5:16-21 and Psalm 32) and can be adapted for whichever Sunday your church celebrates UMCOR Sunday. The liturgy is designed to coordinate with the “Ambassadors for Christ” sermon starter, children’s activity, offering talk, children’s message and children’s bulletin.

INVOCATION

Reconciling God, we rejoice in the promise of a new day.

Pour out your Spirit through this gathering.
Equip us to be ambassadors for Christ.

Open our hearts to sing songs of rescue and protection
for our siblings around the world who are suffering.

As we celebrate the work of UMCOR today,
Integrate our love offering into your new creation.
Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The psalmist writes that the faithful should pray to God in troubled times.

All: Reconciling God, we pray with those in trouble

Who are impacted by hurricanes, fires, political unrest and poverty.

One: The psalmist writes that God surrounds us with songs of rescue.

All: Reconciling God, we pray with those in need of rescue



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Who are suffering from viruses, famine, forced migration and climate disaster.

One: The psalmist writes that faithful love surrounds us.

All: Reconciling God, make us ambassadors for Christ

to extend your faithful love through our support of UMCOR.

OFFERING DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the work of UMCOR. We pray that our offering will serve as ambassadors for Christ—bearing the good news of his love through healing, nourishment, rebuilding and hope. Multiply these gifts through our United Methodist connection to reach communities throughout your world.

Amen.

BLESSING

Go into the world as a representative for Christ,
Filled with the Holy Spirit to share the good news of reconciliation;
Partnering with God to build up a new creation.
Go in peace.