

INTERLUDE II

A Prayer Over the Crisis

*(To be read responsively where possible, using alternate
dark and light print)*

We press into Your heart this day, glorious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We celebrate all that Your precious Son is — who He is to us, and for us, over us, and within us, through us, and before us, and upon us.

Before all Heaven we proclaim:

- **Christ is supreme!** — He is sovereign, superior, sufficient and totally satisfying!
- **Christ is our hope!** — He is the summation of all Your promises, the source of all Your riches, more and more and more, for now and forever!

- **Christ is our glory!** — He is Alpha & Omega, the consummation of all Your purposes, for all creation, for all peoples, for all the Ages to come! In Him our life is hidden with You, until the hour He returns in the final triumphs of grace and truth.
- **Christ is among us!** — He is accessible to us now, in all of His riches. He stands with us now, willing, able and ready to act for us, in us, and through us to magnify ALL that He is, before us and before all nations!

[*SELAH: Pause for silent reflection*]

Therefore, we REPENT — individually and on behalf of all your people:

- **We repent ... for how we have *diminished* your Son,** regarding Him more as our mascot than our Monarch.
- **We repent ... for how we have *manipulated* your Son,** coming to Him to use Him, as far as we think we need Him — that far and no more.
- **We repent ... for how we have *hoarded* your Son,** seeking His blessings for ourselves, with little thought about bringing those blessings to others. **We've assumed that He was there only for us.** We've acted as if He was not Lord of neighbors and nations.
- **We repent ... for how we have *resisted* your Son,** withholding our affections from Him because we were afraid of what it would cost us to draw near to Him — and thus we denied His lordship over all.
- **WE repent ... for how we've *replaced* your Son...with creeds, and programs, and organizations, and causes performed in His name — but without the consuming passion He deserves as the Center and Circumference of everything for us and all peoples everywhere.**

[*SELAH: Pause for silent reflection*]

Confront our crisis of supremacy. **O Lamb of God.** *Cast out* our crisis of supremacy. **O Lamb of God.** *Cure* our crisis of supremacy. **O Lamb of God.**

Forgive us! **Cleans us!** Purify us! **Resurrect us!** Re-convert us!
Restore us! Refill us! **Re-commission us!** By your blood. By Your
 mercy. O Lamb of God. **O Lamb of God.**

We are *ready* — **ready!** ... to revolutionize mind and action with new hope
 in the promises of your Word ... **ready!** ... to embrace the full extent of
 Christ's glorious reign for us and all peoples ... **ready!** ... to walk with Him
 in passionate obedience ... **ready!** ... to be wrapped up in Him and His
 global cause ... **ready!...** for this...**and nothing less!**

Together in hope, with brokenness mixed with great joy — **O God of our
 salvation, we cry out for all to hear: “Lord Jesus, Come and
 conquer us! Lord Jesus, Come and conquer us! Lord Jesus, Come
 and conquer us!”**

[*SELAH: Pause for silent reflection*]

Holy Father, in this decisive moment, by Your Spirit, we adore Your Son
 using the words of Saint Augustine:

**“Redeemer of the ends of the earth:
 You called, You cried, You shattered our deafness.
 You sparkled, You burned, You drove away our blindness.
 You shed your fragrance, and we drew in our breath.
 Therefore, from now on, we will pant for YOU alone.”**

To that end, Father, awaken us — **awaken us to see ALL that the Lord
 Jesus Christ is:** to see who He is as the Son of God ... **to see where He
 is leading in the Purposes of God** ... to see how He imparts the
 Resources of God ... **and to see what He must receive from the
 People of God.** Quicken us to pursue Your magnificent promises which
 are wonderfully defined by His supremacy! **Help us recover ALL the
 hope we are meant to have in our Sovereign Savior.** Do this for the
 revelation of Your glory in Him, throughout this nation — **and among all
 the nations** — beginning in this hour and in this place. **Hallelujah!**
AMEN! Amen! **It shall be done!** It *shall* be done.