

## **Benediction for December 17, 2017**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is, who was, and who is to come,

We pray for the virtue of hope, that  
amidst the trials and difficulties of this  
world, we may keep our hearts fixed  
upon you, who reigns over the world.

Open our eyes to see this world  
that we may know the places  
where you are needed.

May your grace enliven us,  
strengthen us,  
and defend us,  
as we learn to live graciously  
as your people and your church.

Go forth in the name  
of God, the Creator,  
of Christ, our Emmanuel,  
and the Holy Spirit, the Breath of Life.