

Opening prayer by Dick Joyce

Let us continue to be reminded of the events of August 13, 1727, where in the little village of Herrnhut, a band of Moravians that were in exile gathered in earnest prayer. They went through an exercise of heart examination and witnessed such a powerful outpouring of the Holy Spirit that they had no doubt of God's purpose for them.

Let us be reminded also of the hardship that those 15 God-fearing, dedicated Moravians "in exile" endured while planting a community for God's work here in the Bethabara.

Lord, you know that we, as Concerned Moravians and as Your body of Christ, are finding ourselves in exile. Much of the persecution that we are feeling is coming from misguided church leadership.

As refugees from a church that for centuries was known as Your's and provided such a perfect model for other "denominations" to follow, we ask that the essence of the Holy Spirit be found within this body of Christ again.

We Gather in your Holy, most hallowed name. Amen