God of our global neighbourhood, when injustice impoverishes one, it diminishes us all.

Creator of life, you have called us to respond with the vigour of your vision.

Christ, the saviour of our souls, called us to be his body – his hands, heart, feet and voice, to live out his love for us by loving each other. He taught us to walk and work together, no ‘them and us’, only ‘us’ – our future is bound up in each other.

We gather now, ready to go out into our small corner of your big world. As we raise money for Christian Aid, remind us that we are called:

• to raise our voices against the injustice of poverty
• to raise awareness of the structures and systems that oppress
• to raise hope in a world where so many suffer
• to walk in solidarity with our sisters and brothers across our world.

As we gather together now, raise us up and remind us why we’re here; not just to raise money for Christian Aid’s work to end poverty, but to fuel justice and to build a movement of love.

Amen.