

**WWT Board of Directors**

**Opening Prayer**

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In consideration of the events shaping our world, I have chosen to offer a more detailed prayer instead of a devotion and prayer. Please join me for our opening prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank You for hearing our prayers. We acknowledge humbly and thankfully that we are in Your presence. Help us to be still in these moments of prayer and know that You are God. You are the author of heaven and earth. Thank You for being our refuge and strength in these very troubling times.

Despite the violence throughout this world and the anxiety created by it, we will not let it define us. Therefore, we boldly acknowledge that this is the day that You have made, and we will rejoice in it. We also rejoice in the opportunity to demonstrate Your love to each other, to our families, and to our communities by caring for them in ways which reflect You and Your love for us. May Your love define us.

Enable us through Your Holy Spirit to be light in the darkness of this world. Father, I pray for Your love to flow through WWT and strengthen our work teams and our relationships with our customers and vendors, so that we would be able to do the good works that You have set out in advance for us to do. We ask this boldly, through the work of Your Holy Spirit, who is able to do more than we can ask or imagine.

While we are in a time of uncertainty, we are certain of this: You will never leave us or forsake us! Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

I pray this in His name, with humble respect for all faiths and backgrounds. AMEN.