

“Kabarnet-Hürth Prayer” 25/26 January 2020

Lord,

You created the earth and the continents that people of different communities and manifold cultures call home. They speak to one another in many different languages and they each cultivate their own traditions. Your world is unity in diversity.

For us as humans, there are many borders to cross between Africa and Europe, between Kenya and Germany, between Kabarnet and Hürth, for us to come together. But in prayer, we are already united, across all borders. For in Your name, Lord, people come together the world over. The community that bears Your name knows no borders.

Therefore we ask you, as Protestant and Catholic Christians together, in Kabarnet and Hürth:

Keep granting us this community that enriches us and helps us make each other strong.

Help us live our faith on earth, in ways that we can see and feel.

Strengthen our resolve to stand with those who need us most, though they require special help.

Allow us to take responsibility for one another, Lord, to make the world a little fairer according to Your will.

Keep our Kabarnet-Hürth project safe under your protecting hand and bestow your blessing on all who contribute for the work they do, that our joint endeavours here and across continents may contribute to peace on earth.

Help us, Lord, to be truly global in our actions to safeguard Your creation.

Be with the pupils of Kabarnet-Hürth School, and with all the other learners of the world, so that they may feel joy and have the strength to persevere, and to later pass on, with gratitude, that which they have received.

Let us together say the prayer of the United Nations:

Everybody:

Lord, our earth is but a small star in the great universe you created. But it shines brightly far into the distance through the light of the sun and the diversity of life. Yet of it we can make, if we choose, a planet unvexed by war, untroubled by hunger or fear, undivided by senseless distinctions of race, colour or theory. Grant us that courage and foreseeing to begin this task today that everybody will recognize your gift of life by our deeds and our children and our children's children may be proud of the name of man.