Closing prayer, Karam Forum 2021 Global Session

Sovereign God, we praise you for your glory which is reflected in the beauty and majesty of this world and all its creatures. We thank you for your love which sustains us and all things, reconciling them to each other and to you, drawing them to their glorious end.

We bless you for your many blessings so generously given to us. For those who have helped us learn from you and about our world. For their clear thinking and words of passion and insight. For the inspiration of their love for you and their deep desire to see your people be faithful and effective in your service—as a Church and as individuals in your world. For the glimpses of your goodness and glory, and the deeper understanding of your will. For these blessings, and many more, we bless you our sovereign and loving Lord. And now:

Heavenly Father, help us to hear your call in our work and our studies and in our daily lives, and to respond to your call as your faithful children.
Lord Jesus, may you be established deep in our hearts, rooted and grounded in love, so that all we are and all we do echoes your grace and mirrors your glory.
Holy Spirit, give us your gifts for the tasks you entrust to us, and your fruit that we may become your gift to those around us.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, sharpen the tools you entrust to us, and hone the skills we need to use them. Give us respect for our fellow creatures, and a desire to see them flourish. Give us understanding of the world around us, and the wisdom to use our knowledge well. Give us love for our fellow workers, and the people whom we serve in our work.

May the love that created the world guard and guide us.
May the justice that governs it rule in us and through us.
May the faithfulness that refuses to let it go shape who we are and how we live.

May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us. Establish the work of our hands for us—yes, establish the work of our hands, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.