

## PRAYER FOR THE MEDIATION

**LEADER:** Ever-loving and merciful God, we gather together to bring you our prayer for the problem of Sigite Mukus Oil Palm Project at West Pomio Mamusi and the suffering that it brings. God of wisdom and grace, prepare us **to pray with compassion**, hope and love. As relationships are broken between individuals and peoples; as grief, loss, anger and despair are experienced daily and deeply; as the experience of normality is shattered and uncertainty and fear become constant companions to those affected by this issue, help us to pray to bring about reconciliation.

**ALL: *Grant us wisdom, dear Lord, that our prayers may be clothed in compassion.***

**LEADER:** Merciful God, guard us against condemning those who perpetrate injustice, since condemnation closes our minds and stifles our prayers. Reveal to us the moments when our hearts condemn others, and grant us willingness to be transformed. Help us to pray with openness to the real possibility of reconciliation.

**ALL: *Grant us open hearts, dear Lord, that our prayers may be clothed in hope.***

**LEADER:** Ever-giving God, we open ourselves to the transforming work of your Spirit, as we acknowledge which is so evident in this Oil Palm Project. We ask that you reveal to us those pressure-points which test our own instinct to protect ourselves at cost to someone else; and help us to recognise, in our common instincts and desires, the humanity we share with those who perpetrate this injustice.

**ALL: *Grant us humility, dear Lord, that our prayers may be clothed in love.***

**LEADER:** God of transformation, we thank you that you are our guide on the journey towards understanding ourselves. And we thank you that this journey does not end with us. But enables us to engage lovingly and creatively in praying for others. As we continue in prayer for the Sigite Mukus issue, grant us the grace to remember what we hold in common with those involved: the desire for safety, for belonging and for love, Draw our prayers from the deep well of compassion which you supply, and bless this time shared together with your transforming power.

**ALL: *In the name of Christ our Reconciler, Amen!***