

# Closing Ritual for a Team

#### Our Team is moving on ...

Loving God, we gather today to formalise the ending of our Team. We give thanks for the blessings of our Teams members—past and present, living and deceased. We look forward to continually implementing our insights and experiences of Teams as we continue our lives without formally being part of the worldwide Teams movement.

#### A Reading from Ecclesiastes: 3:1-8

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

#### **Silent reflection**

#### Sharing of Team memories

#### Litany of thanks and blessing

For all of us gathered here,	We thank you Lord
For the gift of Teams,	We thank you Lord
For the worldwide Teams movement,	We thank you Lord
For our families,	We bless them Lord
For those in leadership,	We bless them Lord
For those we love who have died,	We bless them Lord
For our Teams memories,	We thank you Lord
For our friendships,	We thank you Lord
For our growth as both couples and individuals,	We thank you Lord

## Let us join hands as we pray for each other:

May God bless you and keep you. May God's goodness always shine upon you. May you see God's face and live in God's own peace. Amen.

Members share a sign of peace with each other.

### **Concluding Prayer**

Creator God,

Thank you for your great love and blessing over our lives. We ask that we continue to walk in your blessing and goodness today and always. May your love and wisdom always guide us, and may we continue to witness, by word and example, your unconditional love, mercy and forgiveness. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.