

**Prayer for SOBOR 2020:
Emigration, Settlements and the
Global Unity of the U.G.C.C.**



*Let us lift up our hearts!
We have lifted them up to the Lord!*

O Lord, sending forth the apostles “to baptize all nations”,*
you said, “I am with you always, to the end of the age.”¹
Therefore, as missionary disciples,*
may we say to others with our lives,*
“The Church is with you always and everywhere.”²

We are the Church! We are the Body of Christ! * We are called to
reflect on and pray for “Emigration, settlements, and the Global Unity
of the UGCC.”³ * We are called to show others the church is with them
always and everywhere.

St. Pope John Paul II said,
“Encounter with the Living Jesus Christ: *is* the Way to Conversion,
Communion and Solidarity.”⁴

Through the intercession of the *Theotokos*,*
and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit,*
may we encounter You, O Lord,*
in our families, in our parishes, *
and in those people to whom we reach out.*
For You send us to them and likewise You send them to us.*
Indeed, to encounter You, O Lord,*
is to encounter my brother and sister wherever they are.*

For you, Our God, are Holy, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and
Holy Spirit, now and always and for ever and ever. Amen.

1. Mt: 28:19-20; 2. Motto of SOBOR 2020; 3. Theme of SOBOR 2020
4. *Ecclesia in America* (3), 1999.