For President Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner and the government of Argentina. For the Mapuche, Tehuelche, Rankulche and Chaco indigenous peoples, whose lands are under threat from multinational corporations and agroindustries; for the residents of Andalgala, who are calling for an end to mining in their region after contamination caused by a partially Canadian-owned mine, and who were attacked by police while attempting to block the construction of a massive project proposed by the Canadian company Yamana Gold, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

For all the governments and peoples of the G20 countries, and for all the countries of the world. O God, open our eyes that we may see the needs of others; Open our ears that we may hear their cries; Open our hearts that we may feel their anguish and their joy.

Let us not be afraid to defend the oppressed, the poor, the powerless, because of the anger and might of the powerful. Show us where love and hope and faith are needed, and use us to bring them to those places. Open our ears and eyes, our hearts and lives, that we may in these coming days be able to do some work of justice and peace for you.

Amen.

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