

# MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE

WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

PENTECOST



## OPENING PRAYER

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!

WE ASK FOR OPEN HEARTS AND MINDS TO EMBRACE JESUS' TEACHING ON HOW TO BE TRULY HAPPY THROUGH LIVING THE BEATITUDES.

REMOVE OUR HEARTS OF STONE AND GIVE US HEARTS OF FLESH TO FOLLOW THE LORD AND INCORPORATE EACH OF THE BEATITUDES IN OUR LIVES.

THIS WE ASK THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR TEACHER, LORD AND SAVIOR, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE FATHER,  
NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

## SCRIPTURE

"When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying,

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land."

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied."

*Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.*

***Blessed are the peacemakers, but they will be called children of God."***

**Mt 5:1-9.**

## LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

<https://youtu.be/klWZfpy6-zQ>

At the bottom of the YouTube video screen, click "CC" to stop closed captioning.

## QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Read 2 Cor 5:16-21. What is the relationship of being reconciled to God and being a peacemaker? Can you have one without the other?
2. Have you ever encountered a "peacemaker" who was able to calm the waters and assist those around him to find reconciliation and peace? How did that peacemaker make you feel?
3. In the weeks ahead, will you try to be a peacemaker in the midst of conflict? Please let your small group know how it went.

## CLOSING PRAYER

LORD JESUS,

LET US SIT AT YOUR FEET AS YOU TEACH US THE WAYS OF HAPPINESS, BEATITUDE, AND BLESSING. STRENGTHEN US AS YOUR DISCIPLES AND HELP US TO KNOW YOU BETTER, TO LOVE YOU MORE, AND TO BE TRANSFORMED BY YOUR TEACHING. HELP US TO BECOME TRULY HAPPY AND ONE DAY TO SEE THE FATHER FACE TO FACE IN ETERNAL BEATITUDE.

FOR WHAT ELSE SHALL WE PRAY? **[SPONTANEOUS PRAYERS ARE WELCOME.]**

FOR THESE SPOKEN PRAYERS AND THE UNSPOKEN INTENTIONS IN OUR HEARTS, WE ASK THAT THEY BE GRANTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOD'S WILL, THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.