

MEETING AND PRAYER GUIDE
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 5, 2023
FOURTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME



OPENING PRAYER

COME, HOLY SPIRIT, DIVINE CREATOR, AND RENEW THE FACE OF THE EARTH!
HELP US TO PRAY AS JESUS TAUGHT US. BE OUR COMPANION WHEN IT IS EASY
TO PRAY AND WHEN PRAYER COMES HARD. ENTER OUR HEARTS AND HELP US
TO LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD AND TO BE TRANSFORMED EVER MORE PERFECTLY
INTO THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF JESUS.
THIS WE ASK THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, WHO LIVES AND
REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE FATHER, NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.

SCRIPTURE

"[H]e would withdraw to deserted places to pray."
Lk.5:16

LINK TO THE VIDEO REFLECTION

<https://youtu.be/EEJd0VUWHLw>

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QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Do you practice praying in a deserted place as Jesus did?
 2. What is your experience of prayer through contemplation?
 3. Will you try Ignatian contemplative prayer in this coming week and share that experience with your Friends in Faith?
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CLOSING PRAYER

LORD JESUS,

BLESS EACH OF OUR SMALL GROUPS AND THEIR MEMBERS AND FAMILIES,
THAT THROUGH PRAYER WE MAY COME TO KNOW YOU BETTER AND LOVE YOU MORE.

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

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

AMEN.