

Parish Meeting Prayer

For use in May, 2021

Introduction

Leader Jesus invites us to an intimate relationship with God our Father so that we can all be *one*.

Opening Prayer

All Loving Father, draw us closer to you. May our growing love include all your people so that we can continue becoming *one*. We ask this through our Risen Jesus by the power of the Spirit. Amen.

Word of God John 17:11b-19

Reader A reading from the Gospel of John *(The reading is on the reverse side.
Pause for silent reflection after the reading.)*

Optional Discuss these questions in two's or three's.

1. How does your parish community foster members being *one* with each other?
2. What are some implications of calling God "Father?"

Response *(Taken from John 17:11b-19)*

Side 1 "Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me so that they may be one just as we are one."

Side 2 May we continue to work towards being *one* with our community of believers.

Side 1 "I speak this in the world so that they may share my joy completely."

Side 2 Lord, give us the grace and privilege of sharing your joy.

Side 1 "As you sent me into the world, so I send them into this world."

Side 2 Yes, we are being sent as disciple missionaries to our homes, workplaces and beyond.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer

All Thank you, God of goodness, for hearing our prayers. Support us in our efforts to bring your joy everywhere. Bless all who are sick, all those who struggle to trust in you, and all whose lives spread your goodness. We pray through our Risen Lord in his Spirit. Amen.

A reading from the Gospel of John

Lifting up his eyes to heaven, Jesus prayed, saying:

“Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me,
so that they may be one just as we are one.

When I was with them I protected them in your name that you gave me,
and I guarded them, and none of them was lost
except the son of destruction,
in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled.

But now I am coming to you,
I speak this in the world
so that they may share my joy completely.

I gave them your word, and the world hated them,
because they do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world
but that you keep them from the evil one.
They do not belong to the world
any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.
As you sent me into the world,
so I sent them into the world.
And I consecrate myself for them,
so that they also may be consecrated in truth.”