

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in January, 2024

## Introduction

Leader Being called by Jesus means a new way of living, of inviting others to join in Jesus' mission.

## Opening Prayer

All Saving God, we thank you that we have been personally called to join Jesus in his mission. Give us the grace to live our calling honestly, bravely and faithfully.  
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Word of God Mark 1:14-20

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark (Pause for silent reflection)

*Optional* Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. Have you ever considered that Jesus calls you personally? What does that mean to you?
2. Like the apostles, how can we be "fishers" of men and women?

## Response

Side 1 "The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Side 2 Lord Jesus, lead us to repentance and a deeper belief in your Gospel.

Side 1 "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men."

Side 2 Following Jesus means drawing others to him by the way we live.

Side 1 "So they left...and followed him."

Side 2 To follow you today, Lord, means knowing your Gospel. May we study well.

**Petitions** Individuals add intentions to remember here.

## Closing Prayer

God of compassion, be with us as we recommit ourselves to examine how we can follow you more closely and invite others to your mission for our world. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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*A Reading from the Gospel of Mark*

After John had been arrested,  
Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God.  
“This is the time of fulfillment.  
The kingdom of God is at hand.  
Repent and believe in the gospel.”

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,  
he saw Simon and his brother Andrew  
casting their nets into the sea;  
they were fishermen.  
Jesus said to them,  
“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

Then they abandoned their nets and followed him.  
He walked along a little farther  
and he saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.  
Then he called them.  
So they left their father Zebedee in the boat  
along with the hired men and followed him.