

# Parish Meeting Prayer

For use in November, 2019

## Introduction

Leader As we approach the end of this liturgical year, we are reminded of our need to trust God's mercy and love when hard times come.

## Opening Prayer

All Merciful Father, you call us to trust in you when we experience troubles of all kinds. May we persevere by following Jesus whose life, death and resurrection assure us of your protection. We pray with confidence in Jesus, who has saved us. Amen.

## Word of God Luke 21:5-6, 12-19

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

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

1. How do you grow in trusting God, especially in hard times?
2. How does Jesus' resurrection give you hope when you feel surrounded by troubles?

## Response (Taken from Lk. 21:5-6, 12-19)

Side 1 "I myself will give you wisdom..."

Side 2 Jesus promises us the gift of wisdom to know how to endure our trials.

Side 1 "Not a hair of your head will be destroyed."

Side 2 Trusting in God's protection in times of suffering and sorrow brings solace and support.

Side 1 "By your perseverance, you will secure your lives."

Side 2 May this gift and our choices bring us to live with Jesus forever.

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

## Closing Prayer Psalm 31:2, 8

All In you, O Lord, I take refuge.  
Let me never be put to shame.  
I will rejoice and be glad of your kindness  
when you have seen my affliction  
and watched over me in my distress.

*Luke 21:5-6; 12-19*

While some people were speaking about how the temple  
was adorned with costly stones and votive offerings,  
Jesus said, " All that you see here--  
the days will come when there will not be left  
a stone upon another stone that will not be thrown down.

"Before all this happens, however,  
they will persecute you,  
they will hand you over to the synagogues and to prisons,  
and they will have you let before kings and governors  
because of my name.

It will lead to your giving testimony.

Remember, you are not to prepare your defense beforehand,  
for I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking  
that all your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute.

You will even be handed over by parents, brothers,  
relatives and friends,  
and they will put some of you to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name,  
but not a hair of your head will be destroyed.

By your perseverance you will secure your lives.