

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in March, 2020

Introduction

Leader Truly believing in Jesus as savior of the world requires embracing who Jesus is and all that he teaches in the Gospels.

Opening Prayer

All God who loves us in and through Jesus, help us to believe in him and identify with every one of his teachings. May we embrace the Christian Way in all its ramifications for our lives today. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Word of God Samaritan Woman at the Well: shortened to John 4:39-42

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

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

1. How does one foster a personal relationship with Jesus that embraces all he teaches us in the gospels?
2. How can you bring others to Jesus as the Samaritan woman did?

Response (from John 4:39-42)

Side 1 "Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Jesus because of the word of the woman who testified."

Side 2 The Samaritan woman spread her amazement of Jesus. May our lives testify to our belief in Jesus with such courage.

Side 1 "When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them."

Side 2 Since the Samaritans were considered unbelievers, may we recognize their hospitality as an example for our own welcome.

Side 1 "We know that this is truly the savior of the world."

Side 2 We give thanks for Jesus, our savior, but also savior of the whole world.

Petitions Individuals add intentions to remember here.

Closing Prayer

Thank you, loving God, for the gift of Jesus as the savior of the world. May our lives proclaim to others our commitment to his Way, Truth and Life. Amen.

John 4:9-10. 25-26, 39-42 (Samaritan Woman at the Well----shortened)

The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me,
a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”
(For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered and said to her,
“If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you,
‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him
and he would have given you living water.”

The woman said to him,
“I know that the Messiah is coming the one called the Anointed;
when he comes, he will tell us everything.”

Jesus said to her,
“I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in Jesus
because of the word of the woman who testified,
“He told me everything I have done.”

When the Samaritans came to him
they invited him to stay with them;
and he stayed there two days.

Many more began to believe in him because of his word,
and they said to the woman,
“We no longer believe because of your word;
for we have heard for ourselves,
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”