

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in May, 2020

## Introduction

Leader Jesus loves us intimately. "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."  
(Jn. 14:18) He reveals himself to us in the Gospels and in our daily lives.

## Opening Prayer

All Loving God, we are grateful for the gift of Jesus' love. Help us to connect to that love in the persons and events of every day. Forgive us when we don't pay attention. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Word of God John 14:15-21

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. When have you known Jesus' love for you most concretely?
2. What helps you pay closer attention to God's messages of love for you?

## Response (From John 14:15-21)

Side 1 "I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."

Side 2 In our great need, we ask you Lord to come to us and be with us.

Side 1 "You will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I am in you."

Side 2 Such intimate words of Jesus shake our apathy and bring us deep joy.

Side 1 "Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

Side 2 If we ponder these words of Jesus, and believe them, we will be energized and renewed each day.

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

## Closing Prayer

God our Father, we rejoice in Jesus' invitation to recognize how loved we are. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can live in that love and share it generously. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **John 14:15-21**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father,  
and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always,  
the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept,  
because it neither sees nor knows him.

But you know him, because he remains with you,  
and will be in you.

I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

In a little while the world will no longer see me,  
but you will see me, because I live and you will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father  
and you are in me and I in you.

Whoever has my commandments and observes them  
is the one who loves me.

And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father,  
and I will love him and reveal myself to him.”