

# Parish Meeting Prayers

**For use in June, 2020**

## Introduction

Leader      God’s message to us sounds like this familiar line: “Here I come to save the day!”  
God’s grace sees us through even the most painful situations. For those who trust,  
God always answers prayers for help.

## Opening Prayer

All            Father, you call us to walk in the light of Christ. Free us from darkness and fear that keep us from trusting in your goodness and love. Strengthen us in the confidence that Jesus' life, death and resurrection bring us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lights our way. Amen.

## Word of God Matthew 10:28-33

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

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

1. What gives you confidence and courage in challenging situations?
2. How can your parish community emphasize ways to live out these teachings of Jesus: to trust in him and the dignity of each person?

**Response** (From Matthew 10:26-33)

Side 1            “Fear no one. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light.”

Side 2      In our lives we know struggles. But Jesus says to be bold.

Side 1            “Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.”

Side 2            Lord, help us believe and be at peace.

Side 1            “Even all the hairs of our head are counted, so do not be afraid.”

Side 2      We thank you, God, for the gifts of courage and trust.

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

## Closing Prayer

All We thank you, Father, for the gift of Jesus who teaches us to trust him at all times and to respect the dignity of each person. Continue to teach us so we can live lives of grace in the light of Christ. We give thanks in his name. Amen.



### **Matthew 10:26-33**

Jesus said to the Twelve:

“Fear no one.

Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed,  
nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;  
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body  
but cannot kill the soul;  
rather, be afraid of the one  
who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin?  
Yet not one of them falls to the ground  
without your Father’s knowledge.  
Even all of the hairs of your head are counted.]

So do not be afraid;  
you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others  
I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.  
But whoever denies me before others,  
I will deny before my heavenly Father.