

## **A Sample Prayer Service**

The leader can be anyone in the family who has taken the time to pre-read this prayer service and who has asked the Holy Spirit for guidance in selecting the bible reading and leading the reflection or discussion questions. The leader can always suggest other questions, depending on the reading he or she has picked out. There is a list of suggested bible readings at the end of this prayer service.

### **Welcome**

Leader:           Let us begin, as we should begin all good things!  
                      In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! Amen!

### **Read together the Vocations Prayer for our Diocese**

### **Scripture Reading**

The leader can ask someone else to proclaim the reading she or he has selected.

### **Time for reflection and sharing** (feel free to suggest your own questions)

How do I feel upon hearing these words from the bible?

How do I feel when I think that God might be talking to me through these words?

How can I make God's love more real for those around me (in my family, at school, at work, in the playground, on the team, at the grocery store, at the gas station, etc.?)

If God and I were taking a walk together, what might I want to ask him?

### **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 25)**

Leader:           To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

All:                To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Leader:           Make me to know your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths.

                      Lead me in your truth, and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.

All:                To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

**Intentions:    *Response . . . Lord, Hear our Prayer***

*Leader:* O God who created us in love, we thank you for all couples whose marriages are a sign of love and respect, especially for (name and name), (name and name). *We pray to the Lord. R*

*Leader:* O God who is with us constantly, we ask you to give patience and forgiveness to those couples who are struggling in their marriages, or who have separated, especially for (name and name), (name and name). *We pray to the Lord. R*

*Leader:* O God who is Master of the Harvest, we thank you for the priests and religious who serve us so faithfully, especially for (name) and (name). *We pray to the Lord. R*

*Leader:* O God who calls us to be all that we can be, we ask you to give wisdom to young people who are discerning their answer to live in your love as married, single, religious or priest, especially for (name) and (name). *We pray to the Lord. R*

*Leader:* O God who hears all our prayers, we bring to you our own needs and intentions, trusting in your great love for us (*take a moment to ask for spontaneous prayers, or silent intentions*). *We pray to the Lord. R*

**Conclusion:    *Pray together the Our Father and the Hail Mary.***

### **Suggested Scripture Readings**

I Samuel 3: 1 - 10	Call of Samuel: Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening
Psalms 40	Here I am, O Lord, I come to do your will.
Isaiah 6: 1 – 8	Call of Isaiah: Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?
Isaiah 43: 1	I have called you by name, you are mine.
Jeremiah 1: 4 – 9	The call of Jeremiah
Ezekiel 34: 11 – 16	The Good Shepherd.
Matthew 9: 35 – 38	The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few.
Matthew 16: 13 – 19	Whom do you say that I am?
Matthew 28: 16 – 20	Commissioning of the Disciples
Mark 1: 16 – 20	Call of the first Disciples
Mark 4: 1 – 20	Parable of the Sower
Mark 16: 9 – 20	Longer ending of the Gospel of Mark

Luke 5: 1 – 11	Jesus calls the First Disciples
Luke 10: 1 – 9	Mission of the Seventy
Luke 22: 7 – 20	Preparation of the Passover
Luke 22: 24 – 30	Servant Leader
Luke 24: 36 – 53	Jesus appears to his Disciples
John 2: 1 -11	The Wedding Feast at Cana
John Chapter 6	Miracles of Jesus
John 10: 7 – 16	Jesus the Good Shepherd
John 13: 1 – 15	Jesus washes the feet of his Disciples
John 21: 15 – 17	Jesus and Peter
Acts 6: 1 – 6	Selection of first Deacons
Acts 13: 44 – 49	The news of Jesus for the Gentiles
Acts 20: 17 – 36	Paul speaks to the Ephesian Elders
Romans 12: 3 – 13	We are all one Body in Christ
II Corinthians 4: 1 – 7	Christ in us
II Corinthians 5: 14 – 20	Ministry of Reconciliation
Ephesians 4: 1 – 13	Unity in the Body of Christ
Colossians 3: 12 – 17	And over all these, put on love