

Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in July, 2022

Introduction

Leader In Luke's Gospel, a disciple of Jesus values hospitality. Hospitality includes paying attention to the needs of a guest or visitor just as we would to Jesus himself.

Opening Prayer

All Welcoming God, help us to grasp the deeper meaning of hospitality as a form of love. May our love be more than greetings but include acts of outreach. We ask you to teach us the pattern of Jesus' actions as we pray in his name. Amen.

Word of God Luke 10:38-42

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke After the reading, pause for silent reflection

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

1. In the Gospel reading, what is the deeper meaning of hospitality as shown by Mary, Martha's sister?
2. Martha and Mary both show different kinds of hospitality. Why are both important?

Response (from Luke 10:38-42)

Side 1 "Jesus entered a village where a woman named Martha welcomed him."

Side 2 May we welcome all the people we contact as we would welcome Jesus.

Side 1 "Mary...sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."

Side 2 Through the example of Mary, Jesus teaches us that hospitality includes focusing on each person as one loved by God.

Side 1 "You are anxious and worried about many things...There is need of only one thing."

Side 2 Leaving worry behind us, may we continue to look to Jesus as our teacher, friend and divine support.

Petitions Individuals add intentions here.

Closing Prayer

All Attentive God, we thank you for helping us find you in all people. Give us the grace of the hospitality of attentiveness that Jesus taught in order to leave worry, hatred and division out of our lives. We ask this through Jesus, our teacher and savior. Amen.

Luke 10:38-42

Jesus entered a village
where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.
She had a sister named Mary
who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.

Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,
“Lord, do you not care
that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?
Tell her to help me.”

The Lord said to her in reply,
“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried
about many things.
There is need of only one thing.
Mary has chosen the better part
and it will not be taken from her.”