

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in November, 2022

## Introduction

Leader The Gospel for the Feast of Christ the King reminds us that the meaning of Jesus as King is not what one might think. His kingship includes love, mercy and forgiveness even to his death on a cross.

## Opening Prayer

All God, Father of Christ our King, teach us the ways of discipleship that are contrary to our culture. Help us to understand the truly great leadership qualities that this feast presents to us. We pray in the name of Christ our King. Amen.

## Word of God Luke 23:36-43

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

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

1. With reference to the Gospel for the feast of Christ the King, what are some of the teachings of Jesus contrary to some norms of our culture?
2. Reflect on the words of the good thief, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

## Response

Side 1 "This is the King of the Jews."

Side 2 May we search for the meaning of Jesus as King according to his teachings.

Side 1 "We have been condemned justly...but this man has done nothing criminal."

Side 2 Forgive us, Lord Jesus, for the times we have sinned and were unrepentant.

Side 1 "Today you will be with me in paradise."

Side 2 Lord of life and death, bring us someday to your Kingdom in Paradise.

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

## Closing Prayer

Loving God, teach us the depth of forgiveness that we are called to as true disciples of Christ our King. Help us grow in forgiving daily, no matter what contrary voices we hear. Thank you for your constant mercy, love and forgiveness. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

*Luke 23:36-43*

Even the soldiers jeered at Jesus.  
As they approached to offer him wine they called out,  
    “If you are King of the Jews, save yourself.”  
Above him there was an inscription that read,  
    ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

Now one of the criminals hanging there reviled Jesus, saying,  
    “Are you not the Christ?  
    Save yourself and us.”  
The other, however, rebuking him, said in reply,  
    “Have you no fear of God,  
    for you are subject to the same condemnation?  
And indeed, we have been condemned justly,  
    for the sentence we received corresponds to our crimes,  
    but this man has done nothing criminal.”  
Then he said,  
    “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”  
He replied to him,  
    “Amen, I say to you,  
    today you will be with me in Paradise.”