

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in October, 2022

## Introduction

Leader Jesus clearly directs faithful believers to pray always and never lose heart.

## Opening Prayer

All Faithful God, we have many needs and concerns to bring before you. Strengthen our faith to believe that you answer our prayers. When our faith waivers, help us to recognize how you remain close to us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## Word of God Luke 18:1-8

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. Reflect on the ways you ask God's help: for yourself, for family, friends and the world.
2. Explain how praying is an act of faith. Why is perseverance in prayer a sign of a disciple of Jesus?

**Response** (from Luke 18:1-8)

Side 1 "Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity to pray always without becoming weary."

Side 2 Increase our faith so that we persevere in daily prayer for our personal needs and the needs of our world.

Side 1 "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

Side 2 We thank you, loving God, for helping us to recognize how you answer our prayers.

Side 1 "But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Side 2 May we be among those Jesus finds faithful to the end.

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

## Closing Prayer

Gracious God, thank you for answering our prayers and helping us to find how you answer them through events and persons in our lives. Keep us aware. We pray with the believing Church in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Luke 18:1-8*

Jesus told his disciples a parable  
about the necessity for them to pray always  
without becoming weary.

He said, “There was a judge in a certain town  
who neither feared God nor respected any human being.  
And a widow in that town used to come to him and say,  
‘Render a just decision for me against my adversary.’

For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually  
he thought,  
‘While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect  
any human being,  
because this widow keeps bothering me  
I shall deliver a just decision for her  
Lest she finally come and strike me.’”

The Lord said, “Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says.  
Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones  
who call out to him day and night?  
Will he be slow to answer them?  
I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily.  
But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”