



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Week of August 9, 2015

Call to Prayer and Sharing

- ✦ *Leader invites all into a few moments of silent reflection to remember that we are in the presence of God. (reflective pause)*
- ✦ *Then: "In the name of the Father and of the Son"*

The Word of God

- ✦ *Leader reads part or all of one of the scripture texts from the previous Sunday.*

Ephesians 4:30-5:2

Brothers and sisters:

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,
with which you were sealed for the day of redemption.
All bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling
must be removed from you, along with all malice.
And be kind to one another, compassionate,
forgiving one another as God has forgiven you in Christ.

So be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love,
as Christ loved us and handed himself over for us
as a sacrificial offering to God for a fragrant aroma.

- ✦ *At the conclusion of the reading, briefly pause for quiet reflection.*

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Faith Sharing

- ✦ *Leader reminds everyone of the Question of the Week which relates to the particular group gathered*

Children: How can you show kindness to another person?

Teens: How do you imitate the qualities of God in your everyday life (See [1 Corinthians 13:1-7](#) for more clues)?

- Adults:** What are some ways you know that God is with you? Who are the people, where are the places, and what are the occasions when you feel closest to God?
- Listen/ Read (Lectio): Ponder God's word and listen for what touches your heart.
 - Meditate (Meditatio): Notice what you notice. Allow God's word to resonate in you.
 - Speak/Share (Oratio): Prayerfully share with the group your thoughts and feelings.
 - Rest in God's presence (Contemplatio): Notice God's presence and be still, surrounded by God's love.

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow about 15 minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of three or four for faith sharing.

- ✦ *When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.*

- ✦ *Continue with the meeting, turning to the agenda.*

Concluding the meeting

At the end of the meeting, the leader closes with the following prayer:

Good and Gracious God,
your love for us surpasses all understanding.
As we leave here today,
be with us in all our comings and goings,
and in all that we say and do.
We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus who is our Light.
Amen.