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## **Vocations Prayer Service**

### **Gathering Song: Open My Eyes**

Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see your face.  
Open my eyes, Lord. Help me to see.

Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear your voice.  
Open my ears, Lord. Help me to hear.

Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love like you.  
Open my heart, Lord. Help me to love.

I live with-in you. Deep in your heart, O Love.  
I live within you. Rest now in me.

### **Opening Prayer**

**Leader:** O God, teach us to cherish the gifts that surround us.  
Increase our faith in you and bring our trust to its promised  
Fulfillment in the joy of your kingdom. Grant this through  
Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

### **Reading: Luke 19:1-10**

At that time, Jesus came to Jericho and intended to pass through the Town. Now a man there named Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax Collector and also a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was; But he could not see him because of the crowd, for he was short in Stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree in order to see Jesus, who was about to pass that way. When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I Must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him With joy. When they all saw this, they began to grumble, saying, "He Has gone to stay at the house of a sinner." But Zaccheaus stood there And said to the Lord, "Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I shall Give to the poor, and if I have extorted anything from anyone I shall Repay it four times over." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has

Come to this house because this man too is a descendant of Abraham.  
For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save what was lost.”  
Palabra de Senor.

**All:** Gloria a ti, Senor Jesus.

Response: All join in singing.

(See Handout!)

### **Silent Reflection**

#### **The Lord's Prayer** (adaptation)

**Leader:** Our God who is in Heaven and in all of us here on earth;

**All:** The hungry, the oppressed, the excluded. Holy is your name

**Leader:** May your reign come and your will be done;

**All:** in our choice to struggle with the complexities of this world  
And to confront greed and the desire for power in  
Ourselves, in our nation and in the global community.

**Leader:** Give us this day our daily bread;

**All:** Bread that we are called to share, bread that you have given  
Us abundantly and that we must distribute fairly, ensuring  
Security for all.

**Leader:** Forgive us our trespasses;

**All:** times we have turned away from the struggles of other  
People and countries, times we have thought only of our  
Own security.

**Leader:** Lead us not into temptation;

**All:** the temptation to close our minds, ears, and eyes to the  
Unfair global systems that create larger and larger gaps  
Between the rich and the poor;  
The temptation to think it is too difficult to bring about more  
just alternatives.

**Leader:** Deliver us from all evil;

**All:** the evil of a world where violence happens in your name.

Where wealth for a few is more important than economic  
Rights for all, where gates and barriers between people are  
so hard to bring down.

**Leader:** May your reign come, for yours is the kingdom, the power  
and the glory forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**Closing Blessing:**

*The left half of the room and the right side of the room, turn  
And face each other, extend an arm in blessing, and together  
Bless one another, saying:*

To the extent that you have been hungry,  
Bring to today God's hunger for justice.

To the extent that you have been thirsty,  
Bring to today God's thirst to comfort the afflicted  
And make a home for the alienated.

To the extent that you have known love,  
Bring to today the Love that infuses and fortifies your hunger  
And thirst.

Bring to today the Creator's vision, the dreams of Jesus and the Spirit  
Of Christ to build the reign of God on Earth. Amen.

**Song: We are Called**

Come! Live in the light!  
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord  
We are called to be light for the kingdom,  
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

Chorus:  
We are called to act with justice,  
We are called to love tenderly,  
We are called to serve one another;  
To walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!  
Show your mercy to all those in fear  
We are called to be hope for the hopeless  
So all hatred and blindness will be no more!

Chorus

Sing! Sing a new song!  
Sing of that great day when all will be one!  
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other  
As sisters and brothers – united in love!  
Chorus