



## Prayer Service

(Before the service place a few articles like a spoon, a strip of band aid, a straw, a pepper and salt shaker, a mirror, a pen, a napkin etc. on the table at the front)

Opening Song- Come and Follow Me!

Opening Prayer

Leader: We gather together to pray for grace to understand and discern God's will in our lives.

All: That we may find joy in sacrificing personal gain for the service of others in a Church vocation.

All: That we who wish to follow Christ may respond generously to God's grace into His service as priests and religious.

All: And that our hearts may be open to follow the Good News, to walk not in fear but in total

trust of the Lord. Amen.

Reading 1: The Hog and the Hen

**A Hog and a Hen sharing the barnyard  
Heard about a church's program to feed the hungry**

**So they sat down and discussed how  
they could help  
The Hen said. I've got it...  
We'll provide bacon and eggs  
for the church to feed the hungry**

**The Hog thought about the  
suggestion and said...  
There's only one thing wrong with  
your bacon and eggs idea.**

**For you, it only requires a contribution,**



**But from me,  
It will mean total commitment!**

Reflective Song: Open My Eyes Lord  
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 love.

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33  
A Reading from the Holy Gospel According to Luke



Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, “If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers should laugh at him and say, ‘ This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.’

Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king, advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms.

In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.”

## The Gospel of the Lord.

### Shared Reflection:

What item on the table, can symbolize where you are at, at this moment in being a disciple of God for and with the youth?

What area or issue of commitment do you feel personally you can make or are making in being a disciple of Jesus?

Take a few moments to think and reflect on this and the readings, then we invite you to take the item off the table and share with the group why you picked and what you were thinking.



### Petitions

*Response:* Lord, hear us!

For all young men who are making lifetime choices at this time, that they will include service to the People of God as a priest or brother among their other options, we pray to the LORD

Please state any other intentions aloud, and we

respond after all are stated, Lord hear us!

### Lord's Prayer

Closing Song- Salt of the Earth by Vince Sgambelluri

A little baby boy, in the miracle of love,  
Was given to the world, from the father up above.  
Bringing love into the world, Love into the World.

A savior for the earth, Jesus came to set us free.  
A final sacrifice, he gave his life for you and me.  
Bringing love into the world, Love into the world.

**CHORUS:**

**You are the salt of the earth; You are the light of the world,  
And we will share the news around the earth, and bring love into the world.**

The Word will be our guide, "Let the children come to me, For the kingdom will belong, will belong to such as these." Bringing love into the world, Love into the world.

**CHORUS**

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Mother of the earth, Help of Christians in the world, we pray that you'll protect, every boy and girl. **CHORUS**

Helper of the Poor, and a friend for all the young, Salesians carry on, where Don Bosco had begun, Bringing love into the world, Love into the world. **CHORUS, and I will bring, LOVE INTO THE WORLD, and we will bring, LOVE INTO THE WORLD!**

