



# Belonging House

INTERNATIONAL



## THE FIRE TEAM SMALL GROUP

### ENGAGING EACH OTHER

Since our last meeting,  
What is the thing you are most grateful for?  
What is the thing you are least grateful for?

### ENGAGING THE IMAGINATION

Before the meeting, each member of the group should read and reflect on the week's gospel lesson.

Ask yourself these questions:  
What do I see, smell, taste, hear,  
and feel as I read this passage?  
Imagine yourself in the passage.  
Where am I? Where is Jesus?  
What is Jesus saying to you?

During the group meeting, read the passage, and ask these questions again.

### ENGAGING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Spend 7-10 minutes in silence.  
Share what you sense the Holy Spirit is saying to you and to the group.

Pray for one another.

Close with the Prayer of Self-Dedication

## THE PRAYER OF SELF-DEDICATION

Almighty and eternal God,  
so draw our hearts to you,  
so guide our minds,  
so fill our imaginations,  
so control our wills,  
that we may be wholly yours,  
utterly dedicated unto you;  
and then use us, we pray you, as you will,  
and always to your glory and the welfare of your people;  
through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## THE BELONGING HOUSE PRAYER

O Author of Beauty,  
who first revealed yourself as Creator,  
and filled Bezalel with the Holy Spirit.  
Raise up an Army of Artists  
who will build Jesus a  
Throne in the earth,  
and make a way for the Coming of the Lord.  
Fill us, renew us, and make us bearers of your glory.  
May your kingdom be established,  
and your throne be extended  
by the good work of our hands,  
and the expressions of our creativity.  
Through Jesus Christ, the Icon of the Invisible God,  
Amen.

## VENI SANCTI SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
**and kindle in them the fire of your love.**

Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created.

**And You shall renew the face of the earth.**

O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Holy Spirit, come like a mighty rushing wind and  
Awaken us out of our complacency, our apathy, and our  
indifference.

Disturb us,

For we are too content to let people go on  
not knowing you.

Penetrate the closed gates of our hearts  
and make us live again.

O Holy Spirit,  
create among us a mighty Christian revolution  
And cast the fear of the unknown out of our lives.

Micheal Hollings and Etta Gullick from the Catholic Prayer Book, adapted.

## VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS

Come, Holy Spirit,  
send forth the heavenly  
radiance of your light.

Come, father of the poor,  
come giver of gifts,  
come, light of the heart.

Greatest comforter,  
sweet guest of the soul,  
sweet consolation.

In labor, rest,  
in heat, temperance,  
in tears, solace.

O most blessed light,  
fill the inmost heart  
of your faithful.

Without your divine will,  
there is nothing in man,  
nothing is harmless.

Wash that which is unclean,  
water that which is dry,  
heal that which is wounded.

Bend that which is inflexible,  
warm that which is chilled,  
make right that which is wrong.

Give to your faithful,  
who rely on you,  
the sevenfold gifts.

Give reward to virtue,  
give salvation at our passing on,  
give eternal joy.  
Amen. Alleluia.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you stretched out your arms of love  
on the hard wood of the cross  
that everyone might come  
within the reach of your saving embrace:  
So clothe us in your Spirit that we,  
reaching forth our hands in love,  
may bring those who do not know you  
to the knowledge and love of you;  
for the honor of your Name. Amen.

Jesus,  
I believe that You are in me,  
and I am in You.  
If I am in You, then I am in my Father,  
and my Father is in Me,  
Just as You are in the Father.  
Thank you that I abide in You,  
and Your word abides in me.  
Because of this I can ask anything in Your Name,  
I can do greater things than You did,  
I can love others as You have loved me,  
and by this Your Father is glorified.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.  
Body of Christ, save me.  
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.  
Water from Christ's side, wash me.  
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.  
O good Jesus, hear me.  
Within your wounds hide me.  
Suffer me not to be separated from you.  
From the malicious enemy defend me.  
In the hour of my death call me,  
And bid me come unto you;  
That I may praise you with your saints  
and with your angels forever and ever,  
Amen.



## THE ANGELUS

The Angel of the Lord brought tidings to Mary

**And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessèd are you among women, and blessèd is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.

‘Behold, the handmaid of the Lord;

**Let it be to me according to your word.’**

Hail Mary . . .

The Word was made flesh

**And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary . . .

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God,

**That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let us pray.

We ask you, O Lord, to pour your grace into our hearts; that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ROSH CHODESH PRAYERS--SANCTIFYING THE MONTH

To be said at the first day of the new moon.

May it be your will Lord, God of our fathers,  
that you begin for us this month for good, and for blessing.  
May you give us long life, a life of peace, a life of goodness,  
a life of blessing, a life of sustenance, a life of physical  
health, a life in which there is no shame or humiliation, a  
life of wealth and honor, a life in which we love your Word,  
and fear God, a life in which the Lord fulfills the requests  
of our hearts for good. Amen.

We bless the moon in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
We bless the earth, the air, the water, and the fire. We  
thank you that the earth is the Lord's and the whole earth  
is full of the glory of God. The sun shall not smite us by  
day nor the moon by night. No created thing can be used  
against God's people or His Kingdom in this month. We  
take authority over all curses, hexes, spells, hoodoo,  
voodoo, sex magick, soulish prayers, false words of  
prophecy, gossip, and Christian prayers not of Lord. We  
bless those who curse us, and commend you to almighty  
God.

Psalms 113-118 are recited without pause.

## NIGHT PRAYER—COMPLINE

**The Lord almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. Amen.**

Be sober, be vigilant, for your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone whom he may devour. Resist him, being firm in your faith. (1 Peter 5:8)

Our help is in the name of the Lord  
**Who made heaven and earth.**

A period of silence follows, for reflection on the past day.  
Examen: What has been your source of thankfulness and your source of grief today?

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:  
We have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in our thoughts, and words, and actions,  
and in what we have failed to do.  
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,  
forgive us all our offenses;  
and grant that we may serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

+May Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world with out end. Amen.

Alleluia!

Before the ending of the day,  
Creator of the world, we pray  
That you, with steadfast love, would keep  
Your watch around us while we sleep.

From evil dreams defend our sight,  
From fears and terrors of the night;  
Tread under foot our deadly foe  
That we no sinful thought may know.

O Father, that we ask be done  
Through Jesus Christ, your only Son;  
And Holy Spirit, by whose breath  
Our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.

PSALM 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;\*  
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;

have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 'You mortals, how long will you dishonour my glory;\*  
how long will you worship dumb idols  
and run after false gods?'

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful;\*

when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.  
4 Tremble, then, and do not sin;\*  
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.  
5 Offer the appointed sacrifices\*  
and put your trust in the Lord.  
6 Many are saying, 'O that we might see better times!'  
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.  
7 You have put gladness in my heart,\*  
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.  
8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep;\*  
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.  
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with out end. Amen.

## PSALM 91

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,\*  
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 He shall say to the Lord, 'You are my refuge and my  
stronghold,\*  
my God in whom I put my trust.'  
3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter\*  
and from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He shall cover you with his pinions, and you shall find  
refuge under his wings;\*  
his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.  
5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night,\*  
nor of the arrow that flies by day;  
6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness,\*  
nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.

7A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,\*

but it shall not come near you.

8Your eyes have only to behold\*  
to see the reward of the wicked.

9Because you have made the Lord your refuge,\*  
and the Most High your habitation.

10There shall no evil happen to you,\*  
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

11For he shall give his angels charge over you,\*  
to keep you in all your ways.

12They shall bear you in their hands,\*  
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

13You shall tread upon the lion and adder,\*  
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under  
your feet.

14Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I  
deliver him;\*

I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15He shall call upon me and I will answer him;\*

I am with him in trouble, will rescue him and bring him to  
honor.

16With long life will I satisfy him,\*  
and show him my salvation.

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Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with out end. Amen.

## PSALM 134

1Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,\*  
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

2Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;\*  
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of  
Zion.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy  
Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world with out end. Amen.

A READING: one of the following or some other.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will  
give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for  
your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.  
(Matthew 11. 28-30)

There remains a sabbath rest for the people of God; for  
those who enter God's rest also cease from their labors, as  
God did. Let us, therefore, strive to enter that rest.  
(Hebrews 4. 9-11)

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable,  
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,  
whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there  
is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.  
What you have learned and received and heard and seen in  
me, do, and the God of peace will be with you.  
(Philippians 4. 8)

Into your hands, O Lord,  
**I commend my spirit. (Alleluia! Alleluia!)**  
For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.  
**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:**  
Keep me as the apple of your eye.  
**Hide me under the shadow of your wings.**

THE NUNC DIMITTIS

**Save us,\* O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep may rest in peace.**

<sup>1</sup>Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:\*  
your word has been fulfilled.

<sup>2</sup>My own eyes have seen the salvation\*  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

<sup>3</sup>A light to reveal you to the nations\*  
and the glory of your people Israel. Luke 2. 29-32

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THE PRAYERS



Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy,**  
Lord have mercy.  
Let us pray,

Lighten our darkness,  
Lord, we pray;  
and in your great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Be present, O merciful God,  
and protect us through the hours of this night,  
so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of  
this life  
may rest in your eternal changelessness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Visit this house, O Lord, we pray,  
drive far from it all the snares of the enemy;  
may your holy angels dwell with us  
and guard us in peace  
and may your blessing be always upon us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary,

bless the dying, soothe suffering, pity the afflicted,  
and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Father of us all,  
who rules and reigns within the heavens,  
May your Name be made holy among all nations.  
Come Kingdom of God.  
Be done, will of God,  
on earth as that will is unhindered in heaven.  
Give us this day our supersubstantial bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us away from trials,  
and deliver us from the evil one.  
For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

In peace, we will lie down and sleep;  
For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
For the night is at hand and the day is now past.  
As the night-watch looks for the morning,  
So do we look for you, O Christ.  
Come with the dawning of the day  
And make yourself known  
in the breaking of the bread.

And May Almighty God, +Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless and watch over us, now and forever. Amen.

Into his joy, the Lord has received you,  
Virgin God-bearer, Mother of Christ.  
You have beheld the King in his beauty,  
Mary, daughter of Israel.  
You have made answer for the creation  
To the redeeming will of God.  
Light, fire and life, divine and immortal,  
Joined to our nature you have brought forth,  
That to the glory of God the Father,  
Heaven and earth might be restored.

May the Name of Jesus the Son of God,  
which is mightier than all the hosts of Satan  
and more glorious than all the hosts of heaven,  
abide with you in your going out and your coming in.  
By day and night, at morning and at evening,  
at all times and in all places  
    may it protect and defend you.  
From the wrath of evildoers,  
from the assaults of evil spirits,  
from foes visible and invisible,  
from the snares of the devil,  
from all passions that beguile the soul and body:  
may it guard, protect and deliver you. Amen.