

A Prayer of Trust

Call to Prayer

(Mark Link, S.J.— adapted)

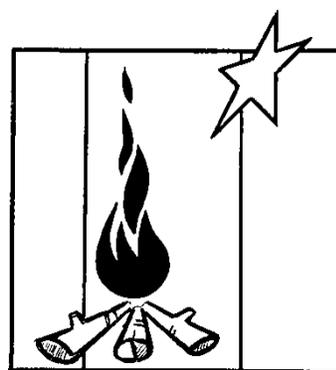
Leader:

Jesus said,
“I am the light of the world. . . .
Whoever follows me
will have the light of life
And will never walk in darkness.”

(John 8:12)

(someone lights the candle)

Lord Jesus, you said that where two or three
come together in your name,
You are there with them.
The light of this candle
Symbolizes your presence among us.



And so, let us remember...

All: That we are in the holy presence of God.

First Reading

(from the Gospel of John)

On the following day as John stood there again with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, “Look, there is the lamb of God.” Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned around, saw them following, and said, “What do you want?” They answered, “Rabbi,” – which means Teacher – “where do you live?” “Come and see,” he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day.

pause for reflection

Prayer

(adapted from Meditations on Christian Doctrine by John Henry Newman)

**All: Loving God,
Let us put ourselves into your hands,
And not be startled though You lead us by a strange way.
Let us be sure You will lead us right,
that You will lead us to that which is,
not indeed what we think best,
not what is best for another,
but what is best for us.
We are all created for Your glory –
we are created to do Your will.**

Reader: I am created to do something or to be something
for which no one else is created;
I have a place in Your counsels,
in Your world,
which no one else has:
Whether I be rich or poor,
despised or esteemed by others:
You know me and call me by name.

**All: You have created me to do You some definite service.
You have committed some work to me
Which you have not committed to another.**

Reader: I have my mission –
I may never know it in this life,
but I shall be told it in the next.
Somehow I am necessary for Your purposes;
I have a great part in Your work.
I am a link in a chain,
a bond of connection between persons.
You have not created me for nothing.
I shall do good, I shall do Your work;
I shall be an angel of peace,
a preacher of truth in my own place,
while not intending it,
if I but keep Your commandments
and serve You in my calling.

**All: Therefore I will trust you.
Whatever, wherever I am, I cannot be thrown away.**

Reader: If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve You;
if I am in perplexity, my perplexity may serve You;
if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve You.
My sickness or perplexity or sorrow
may be necessary causes of some great end
which is quite beyond us.
You do nothing in vain;
You may prolong my life,
You may shorten it;
You know what you are about....

All: **Lord, I give myself to You.**
Lord, I trust you wholly.
You are wiser than I –
more loving to me than I am to myself.
Fulfill Your great purposes in me,
whatever they may be.
Work in and through me.
I am born to serve you,
to be Yours, to be Your instrument;
let me be your blind instrument.

Intentions

For young people around the world...
For those who dedicate their lives to education...
In thanksgiving for all that God has loved into us...
For peace in our hearts and in our world...
For all those in need this day...
For our families and friends...

For what else shall we pray?

Closing

(Mark Link, S.J.—Adapted)

Leader: We conclude our prayer by listening to Jesus speak to us:

“You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.
No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket;
instead, the lamp is put on a lamp stand,
where it gives light to everyone in the house.
In the same way, your light must shine before all people..
—Matthew 5: 14-16

(Someone extinguishes the candle.)

The light of this candle is now extinguished. But the light of Christ in each of us must continue to shine in our hearts and in our lives.

***Saint John Baptist de La Salle...Pray for us!
Live, Jesus, in our hearts...Forever!***