

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in July, 2018

## Introduction

Leader Jesus continues to send us out with the challenge to spread the Good News. In today's world, what a challenge it is!

## Opening Prayer

All Lord, Jesus, you ask us to spread your Good News by living your example of service to all your people. Give us the grace, the help we need to meet the challenges in our society. Comfort and strengthen us when we become discouraged or weary. We ask this in your name. Amen.

## Word of God Mark 6:7-13

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Mark (Pause for silent reflection)

*Optional:* Discuss these questions in two's or three's. *The reading is on the reverse side.*

1. What are the challenges, the contrary values that you face in spreading the Good News of Jesus today?
2. How do you balance trusting in God with the need for planning ahead for emergencies?

## Response (taken from Ephesians 1:3-8)

Side 1 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing."

Side 2 May we use our spiritual blessings for accomplishing the good God asks of us.

Side 1 "God destined us for adoption as children through Jesus Christ."

Side 2 We are not alone in carrying out the mission of Jesus. We are his adopted children.

Side 1 "In Christ we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of God's grace lavished on us."

Side 2 May we return gratitude daily for God's grace lavished on us through Jesus Christ.

**Petitions** Individuals add intentions to remember here.

## Closing Prayer

Generous God, we are grateful for the blessings we easily take for granted. Give us the grace to reach out to those in need as we spread your good news. We ask this in Jesus' name through the power of the Holy Spirit living

*A Reading from the Gospel of Mark*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two  
and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey  
but a walking stick -  
no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

They were, however, to wear sandals  
but not a second tunic.

He said to them,  
“Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you,  
leave there and shake the dust off your feet  
in testimony against them.”

So they went off and preached repentance.

The Twelve drove out many demons,  
and they anointed with oil many who were sick  
and cured them.