

# Parish Meeting Prayers

For use in July, 2019

## Introduction

Leader Disciples listen to the Word of God and can relate the message to their lives—a simple but powerful decision.

## Opening Prayer

All God of mercy, through your Spirit prepare us for the decisions we make every day. Keep us close to your son, Jesus, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.  
Amen.

## Word of God Luke 10:38-42

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Luke *The reading is on the reverse side.*  
(Pause for silent reflection)

*Optional* Discuss these questions in two's or three's.

1. How often do you weigh the importance of active listening to God's word in Scripture?
2. Relate an occasion when your focus on someone's words brought you peace and joy.

## Response (Luke 10:38-42)

Side 1 "Mary...sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak."

Side 2 Following Mary's example of a disciple, may we listen for God's direction in our lives through the many messages God offers us daily.

Side 1 "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things..."

Side 2 Praying and acting with trust rather than anxiety and worry allows God's peace to fill us.

Side 1 "Mary has chosen the better part and it shall not be taken from her."

Side 2 Choosing calm and confidence in our actions allows God to work marvels through us.

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

## Closing Prayer

God of wisdom, we place our trust and confidence in you. Bring peace and joy to us and all those needing your love. We ask this through your son, Jesus, who leads us to you.  
Amen.

***Luke 10:38-42***

Jesus entered a village  
    where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him.  
She had a sister named Mary  
    who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak.  
Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said,]  
    “Lord, do you not care  
    that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?  
    Tell her to help me.”

The Lord said to her in reply,  
    “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.  
    There is need of only one thing.  
    Mary has chosen the better part  
    and it will not be taken from her.”