

SMALL PRAYER GROUPS
Prayer Gathering for June 19

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

God of Abundance,
everywhere your Son's shadow fell, the world burst forth with life –
his very death unleashed more life than the world could ever contain.
Stoke the fire within us for his Gospel... make us hungry for his body and blood,
Fashion us day by day to resemble him more and more and more.
We ask this in your communion with God the Father, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

GOSPEL PASSAGE

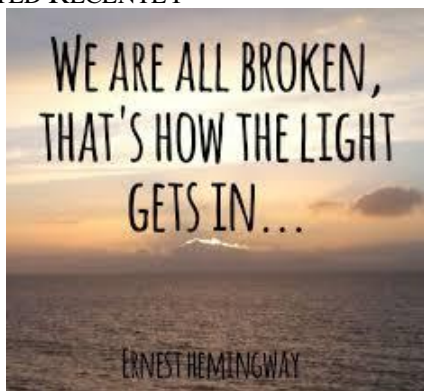
SHARING QUESTIONS

"I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you"
Of all the things God has given you, what comes to mind as the most important of those you have handed on to others?

"On the night he was handed over, [he]took bread.. and... after he had given thanks... broke it... and said, 'This is my body that is for you.'"

The consecrated bread and wine are the Body and Blood of Jesus.
What, do you think, is the significance of the fact that they are broken? What value does their brokenness have?

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DISCUSSION

He said to them: "Give them some food yourselves."
They replied: "Five loaves and two fish are all we have, unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."
Jesus speaks to his disciples on a level deeper than they are used to hearing. What deeper lesson is he trying to teach them by saying "Give them some food yourselves"? What would he have been asking of them if he weren't physically there to assist? What is he asking of us?

LITANY

When generations yet unborn ask us to figure them in to our plans and dreams...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When our precious unborn ask us to regard their vulnerability with reverence...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the crying of a baby takes away our hope for sleep...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the tantrums of a toddler push us to the breaking point...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the itchiness of children calls on patience we no longer have...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the debate of adolescents cuts us deep and makes us seethe...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the nest begins to empty and letting go is how we love...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When the newly born expand our worlds and grandparents are newly birthed...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

When our parents lose their vigor and our roles completely shift...

Let us be your bread, Lord... taken, blessed, broken and given.

OUR FATHER

[OPTIONAL] PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER

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 without end. AMEN.

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

READING 1

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians:

Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you,
that the Lord Jesus,
on the night he was handed over,
took bread.. and... after he had given thanks...
broke it... and said,

*"This is my body that is for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."*

In the same way also the cup, after supper,
saying,

*"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."*

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the death of the Lord
until he comes.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God,
and he healed those who needed to be cured.

As the day was drawing to a close,
the Twelve approached him and said,

*"Dismiss the crowd
so that they can go to the surrounding villages and farms
and find lodging and provisions;
for we are in a deserted place here."*

He said to them,

"Give them some food yourselves."

They replied,

*"Five loaves and two fish are all we have,
unless we ourselves go and buy food for all these people."*

Now the men there numbered about five thousand.

Then he said to his disciples,

"Have them sit down in groups of about fifty."

They did so and made them all sit down.

Then taking the five loaves and the two fish,
and looking up to heaven,
he said the blessing over them, broke them,
and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd.

They all ate and were satisfied.

And when the leftover fragments were picked up,
they filled twelve wicker baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

Luke, chapter 9