

## Prayer Gathering for Second Week of Ordinary Time

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

**Father of Jesus,  
your glory shone in the eyes of John the Baptist as Jesus stepped into the Jordan.  
Your Spirit descended, and the waters were filled with light.  
Dazzle us again as the Lamb of God is lifted above our altars.  
Open our hearts to know you as we hold you in our hands and receive the Bread of Life.  
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

GOSPEL PASSAGE

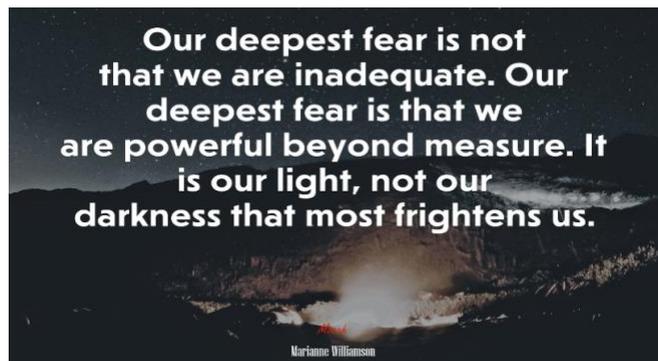
SHARING QUESTIONS

*“The LORD said to me: ‘You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory.’”*  
**One technique for relating more deeply to Scripture is to replace the word “Israel” with your own name, so the relationship God is looking for with us becomes clearer.**  
*“You are my servant, \_\_\_\_\_, through whom I show my glory.”*  
**How does God’s glory shine through you? How does it feel to use that technique?**

*“‘It is too little,’ the LORD says, ‘For you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.’”*

**Using the same technique above... What is it “too little” for God to ask of you? What would God like to “make you into” or ask you to do with your life?**

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DISCUSSION

*“John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said:  
‘Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.’”*  
**At every Mass, the priest elevates the body & blood of Christ, under the appearance of bread & wine, and quotes John the Baptist, since Christ is equally as present in the Eucharist as when he was walking toward John.**

**What comes to your mind and heart as you ponder this?**

## LITANY

When my temper flares red and hot, but I take a breath before responding...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When my pride demands "the floor" but I instead yield to other voices...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When I speak what is true, though I know it will cost me...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When I choose to "show up and be seen" and drop the mask that keeps me safe...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When I don't mind taking my place at the end of the line...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When I give what is mine to those in need, before reconciling my checking account...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When fear prowls my rooms at night, but faith guards my inner mind and heart...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When I choose the path that leads to life, rather than the one that seems easy, fast and fun...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

When God asks me to jump and my sole response is: "How high?"...

**I am God's servant, through me shines God's glory...**

## 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 book of the prophet Isaiah

The LORD said to me:

*You are my servant, Israel,  
through whom I show my glory.*

Now the LORD has spoken  
who formed me as his servant from the womb,

that Jacob may be brought back to him  
and Israel gathered to him;

and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God is now my strength!

*It is too little, the LORD says,  
for you to be my servant,  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob,  
and restore the survivors of Israel;*

*I will make you a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The word of the Lord

*Thanks be to God*

## READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said,  
*"Behold, the Lamb of God,  
who takes away the sin of the world.*

*He is the one of whom I said,  
'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me  
because he existed before me.'*

*I did not know him,  
but the reason why I came baptizing with water  
was that he might be made known to Israel."*

John testified further, saying,  
*"I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven  
and remain upon him.  
I did not know him,  
but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,  
'On whomever you see  
the Spirit come down and remain,  
he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'*

*Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."*

The Gospel of the Lord

*Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ*

*John, chapter 1*