

Prayer Gathering for the Fifth Week of Easter

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

**Author of all Life,
you teach us that your Son is the truth we need
and the way we must follow.
Help us, in moments of doubt and despair,
to trust the path on which your Son has placed our feet,
and to walk bravely into the fog of all we are not yet ready to understand.
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

GOSPEL PASSAGE

SHARING QUESTIONS

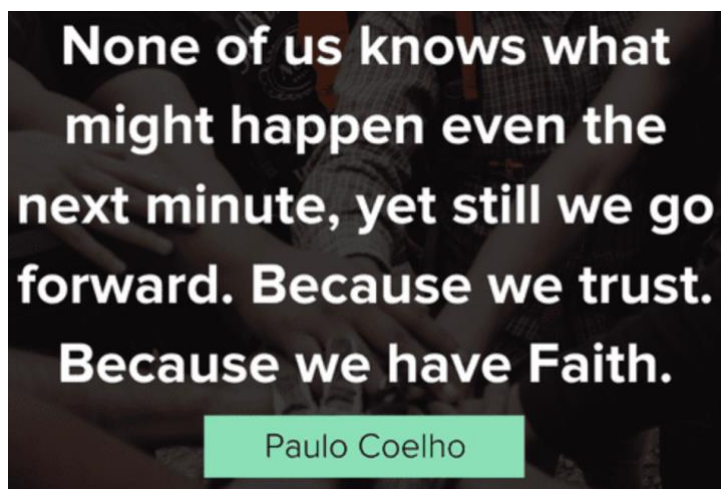
“Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

**Which of the personality traits that you see in Jesus is your favorite? Why?
What does that trait say to you about God?**

“Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house.”

**What kind of “spiritual house” do you think God is building in the midst of these
times we’re living in? What role do you have in this building project?**

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DISCUSSION

“Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?”

**Faith, by definition, means moving in a direction even though you can’t clearly see
the path before you. What allows you to keep moving on that path?
What allows you to trust?**

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

That all members of the Church will turn toward our community of faith and not isolate during times of struggle; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

That our government officials will prioritize human life and the common good as they make decisions that will affect us all; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

That all those experiencing depression, anxiety and addiction can be given the hope to imagine life renewed; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

That first responders will be protected as they serve and protect us; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

That each of us will regard our setbacks as opportunities for greater trust; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

That the sick and dying may know that they are not alone, even when their loved ones can't be by their side; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

For our beloved dead... .. and for all who are grieving a loss... .. we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer**

OUR FATHER

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 there, 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.**

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READING 1

A reading from the first letter of Peter

Beloved:

Come to him, a living stone,
rejected by human beings
but chosen and precious in the sight of God,

and, like living stones,
let yourselves be built into a spiritual house
to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

You are “*a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, a people of his own,
so that you may announce the praises*” of him

who called you out of darkness
into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

*“Do not let your hearts be troubled.
You have faith in God; have faith also in me.
In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places...*

*And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come back again and take you to myself,
so that where I am you also may be.*

Where I am going you know the way.”

Thomas said to him,

*“Master, we do not know where you are going;
how can we know the way?”*

Jesus said to him,

*"I am the way and the truth and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.*

*If you know me, then you will also know my Father...
Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”*

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

John, chapter 14