

Final Prayer (5 mins)

As our time of prayer together comes to an end we say together...

If the Blessed Sacrament IS exposed

Lord Jesus, thank you for this time that we have spent in your presence. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that we may recognise that each of us is called to 'have life and have it abundantly'. Confident of your unending love, we place our prayer before you. Amen.

If the Blessed Sacrament is NOT exposed

Loving Father, thank you for this time that we have spent in your presence. Thank you for the many gifts you have given us. We ask that we may recognise that each of us is called to 'have life and have it abundantly'. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Final Hymn (optional)

A Gospel reading to take home for further reflection and prayer.

'But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, "Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?" Jesus said, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also."

Matthew 22: 34 - 40

Called to Life A Holy Hour



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Prayer focus: Tonight's theme is the joy of creation – that God has made us in his own image, and knows and loves us intimately. We celebrate anew that call to life.

Suggested Hymns: Abba Father, you are the potter; Adoramus te, Domine; All creation, bless the Lord; All creatures of our God and King; Laudate omnes gentes; Morning has broken; Of the Father's love begotten; To God with gladness sing; You are the Lord.

Welcome and introduction

First hymn – one of praise and/or adoration (3 mins)

Scripture Reading: Genesis 1: 26-27 (2 mins)

God made man and woman in his own image

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection (3 mins)

(Pause briefly at the end of each sentence.)

- Father, we praise and we thank you for the gift of creation and for calling each one of us here present into being.
- We thank you for the very gift of life itself, for the gift of every life, for our families, our parish and friends.
- Thank you that we have been created in your image, out of love, and called in turn to share that love with others .
- Thank you that each of our lives has a loving purpose, that you have a plan for each one of us, that our "being" here, has some definite purpose.
- Thank you for simply being here now and for allowing us to come before you just as we are.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Scripture reading: Psalm 139, 1-3, 13-14 (1 min)

Yahweh, you know when I sit and when I rise: you created me in my Mother's womb.

Silent prayer (5 mins)

Hymn or music (3 mins)

Gospel reading, Matthew 22: 34-40 (3 mins)

"Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"

PAUSE (1 min)

Reflection (3 mins)

Pause briefly at the end of each sentence.

- Father, we thank you for the words we have heard from the Gospel today.
- In the next few moments of silence help us to know your love in a deeper way.
- May we experience it anew and in turn be inspired to bring your healing love to others.

Silent prayer (10 mins)

Litany of praise and intercession. (4 mins)

Loving Father, we thank you for creating us and inviting us to share your love with others,

Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for bringing us fullness of life,

Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Thank you for the gift of your Son, your Word made flesh,

Father, we praise and thank you for your love.

Lord, we ask you for every blessing on our family and friends,

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we bring before you all the needs of our parish and Church,

Lord hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to bless all those you call to the vocation of married life and all lay single people in their daily lives and commitments,

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask for the grace to become your evangelising witnesses in thought, word and action,

Lord, hear our prayer.

If anyone would like to offer a prayer intention, please do so ...

... Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray together the Lord's Prayer, *Our Father...*