

Sharing Gospel Reflections

Loosely Based on *Lectio Divinae*

(Prayer leader describes the process for the prayer.)

The Call to Prayer: Lord, we place ourselves in Your Presence, knowing that where two or three are gathered together, You are in our midst. We take a moment to rest in the Lord's presence.

After a moment of silence,

Read the Gospel passage for the first time. (The Gospel for the coming Sunday)

After a few moments of silence,

Invite the group to share a word or phrase.

(Prayer leader invites participation by saying "words, or phrases?" after the first reading)

Read the same Gospel passage a second time.

There are a few more moments of silent prayer, reflecting on "what more you might have heard and what difference does it make?"

After a few moments of silent prayer,

Invites participation by saying "*thoughts and reflections?*" or "*what struck you?*" after the second reading of the Gospel passage

Share thoughts and reflections.

(If it is a large group, break into groups of 3 or 4 before sharing in the larger group. If the group is shy and unaccustomed to sharing reflections aloud, invite them to turn to the person next to them and share reflections before sharing in the larger group.)

Close with a Glory Be