



PRAY

This week our time of prayer invites us to remember and pray...

Think of a time when you were aware of God speaking and calling you...

Was it a loud wake up call... difficult to miss... a message loud and clear?...

Or was it a spoken word... perhaps through the voice of a loved one or a stranger... speaking directly to your heart... even an answer to a prayer?...

Or was it a gentle whisper... almost missed... easy to ignore... maybe in a dream... bringing a sense of peace and a call to action?...

Spend a moment now, listening to God... and how you might be being called and sent TODAY...

We take a moment to repeat this simple missioning prayer a phrase at a time:

Jesus I believe in you,

Jesus I trust in you.

Lead me and guide me, this day,

to seek and do your will.

Is there something you want to take with you from the time of prayer?

*We give thanks for our time of prayer as we say: **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.***



ACT

Having listened to the Scriptures, yourself and each other, as well as encountering God in prayer, is there something you feel you might do in response?

- Pray the simple missioning prayer each day this week
- Encourage someone to seek and follow the way of the Lord
- Take part in some charitable work to respond to the needs of others

Journeying to Christ: SENT



Small community gathering resource
in preparation for:
3rd Sunday Advent 2023



GATHER

Take a moment to greet each other and share anything that has stayed with you since last week.

You may wish to pause for a moment to prepare to listen to God's Word.



HEAR

We listen now to words from the prophet Isaiah

[Is 61:1-2,10-11]



The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.
He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;
to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,
my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'



REFLECT

Take some time to share your thoughts and responses using the following questions. Remember to allow time for everyone to share and to listen with intention and respect.

- ◆ *What is the Word of God saying to you today?*
- ◆ *What are you noticing about the image on the front of the booklet?*
- ◆ *The prophet recognises that they have been sent and missioned by the Lord - When have you recognised this in your own life?*
- ◆ *'In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples' (Evangelii Gaudium 120) - What does this mean to you?*
- ◆ *How can you share in the mission of Jesus in this time of Advent?*

You may want to use this space to note any thoughts or reflections...