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To Share Christ in and through the Church

PRAYER SERVICE - WEEK ONE

THE CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

Introduction: We are gathered this evening to sing the praise of our good and gracious God, to listen to the Word of life, and to seek light for the path we are to follow. We begin with song.

Song: *Pescador de Hombres/Lord, When You Came.* Composed by Cesáreo Gabaráin.

Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God, always and for everything!

All: In the Name of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Blessed be God forever.
Blessed are You, O Lord, our God, the Shepherd of Israel, their pillar of cloud by day, their pillar of fire by night. You lead us to repentance that in this pilgrimage of prayer we might learn to be Your people once more. In penance and service, You bring us back to Your heart. You open our eyes to Your presence in the world, and You free our hands to lead others to the radiant splendor of Your mercy. Be with us in this journey, for without You, we are lost and will perish. To You alone be dominion and glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Sacred

Scripture: Ephesians 1:3-14

Silence

Psalm 19: *Lord, You Have the Words of Everlasting Life.* Composed by David Haas.

Prayer

All: Lord God, Your people have been signed with the sign of Christ's cross. Protect us by its power, so that, faithful to the grace which has begun in us, we may keep Your commandments, learn to know and follow Christ Jesus, and so give You glory through all ages. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Intercessions

Leader: Let us bless the Lord, our God.

Leader: With the people of every land and nation, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: With Mary and all models in faith, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: With the prophets, apostles, and martyrs, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: With missionaries, preachers, and teachers of prayer, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: With the angels and saints who sing Your glory, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: With the holy ones who have gone before us, we bless the Lord.

All: Blessed be God forever.

Leader: Gracious Lord, You always show mercy toward those who love You, and You are never far away from those who seek You. Remain with us during this holy [*Advent, Lent, etc.*] season, and guide our way in accord with Your goodness. Shelter us with Your protection, give us the light of Your grace, so that we may know a change of heart, and come to know You, Who are our God, living and reigning forever and ever.

All: Amen.

Song: *Digo "Si," Señor/I Say "Yes," Lord.*
Composed by Donna Peña. Arranged by Marty Haugen.

Blessing

Leader: May Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless you (us) and keep you (us).

May the Lord, Who comes to judge the living and the dead, graciously smile upon you (us).

May the Lord grant you (us) peace.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us share with one another a sign of the Lord's peace.



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