

Prayer of Discernment

“It is for freedom Christ set us free. So, be free.” (Gal. 5:1)

“Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

(Matt. 6:21)

VOCATIONAL CALL

Gracious God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of Life, have mercy on us. Reveal yourself in all things, to all things, and through all things. Grant us the gift of becoming a community of the Incarnation—mystery of Word made flesh, who sees and celebrates Good News in hard places. Give us the tongue of a teacher to sustain the weary with a word, and mobilize leaders from all walks of life to love their city and seek its peace with the Gospel of Jesus.

PRESENCE

You are Immanuel—the God who is with us. There is nowhere we can flee from your presence, and nothing can separate us from your love. We accept your invitation to relax into this miracle—to notice and to welcome your presence in all things, everywhere— even here, even now.

Where is God’s presence clearly visible?

Where is God’s presence particularly needed or hard to see?

GRATITUDE

We give thanks. The deepest form of gratitude we can offer is our own joy. We share it with you because in our greatest longings and our deepest desires, we recognize that your presence is the substance of all that we hope for. Our deepest desire is your delight. Our greatest longings are already yes in you. Help us name our deepest desires.

What can we give thanks for? What desires do we hold in our hearts? Name them.

GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

Come Holy Spirit, wild and free. Do as you please. Give us the courage and compassion to see things as they are. Ease the fear that blinds us and binds us to our false selves and keeps us from the truth that sets us free.

Notice places of fear or resistance in your spirit, places of freedom and a sense of invitation.

Lift these up to God.