Called to Pray Together

**Leader:** We have been called to be a community of faith, a community of pray-ers, a community of people with unique identities and unique voices, but with a common goal. We are invited to enter the Reign of God and to extend that invitation to others. Let us pause and recall that we are in the presence of God.

 In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** We seek God’s blessing and God’s peace. It is God who loves us and asks us to bring that same love to those we pray with and for every day.

**All:** Thanks be to God’s holy name.

**Reader:** A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke: *Luke 11:2–4*

**Leader:** With one voice, let us place our needs before our gracious and loving God.

**Reader:** Our response is: “We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.”

**Reader:** Lord, help us to hallow and honor your name.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to pray that your Kingdom will come.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to pray for your will to be done.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to build the Reign of God here on earth.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to pray for our daily bread.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to be daily bread for others.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to forgive those who have wronged us.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us to seek forgiveness from those we have wronged.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, steer us away from that which is not good for us.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, lead us back toward you when we find ourselves straying.

**All:** We pray, Lord. Hear our prayer.

**Reader:** Lord, help us always to praise your name and recognize your power and presence in our lives.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** May God, who has called us to this community of faith, be with us and guide us. May we, as a class, always give our God honor and glory. May God, who loves and invites us to grow in faith together, grant us peace.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** We close this prayer by praying the words that Jesus gave us: Our Father . . .

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