



Prayer Service: Peter, a Rock of Faith

Leader: Let us remember that we are in God's hands; God has chosen us and loves us now and at every moment. The Creator has blessed us with people who are important in our life, and God gives us a sense of our part in the church. God wants us to rejoice in our weaknesses like Saint Peter did, so that we will listen to the truth and celebrate our talents with which we can do God's work.

Reading from the Words of Peter

"I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. . . . Jesus Christ . . . is Lord of all. [Acts 10:34–36]

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. . . . Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. [1 Peter 1:13,22–23]

Prayers

Leader: For the gifts of our memories . . .

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For all the people who have affirmed us, given us knowledge and care . . .

All: We thank you, Lord.

Leader: For helping us understand the importance of our story and the story of the church . . .

All: We thank you, Lord.

[Other prayers of thanks may be added here. Respond to each prayer.]

All: We thank you, Lord.