

Saying Yes to God

Leader: We begin our prayer in the name of the . . .

Reader 1: I say yes to that which God calls me.

Reader 2: Our world is often filled with distractions. We find it difficult to identify God's voice in the busy and noisy activities of our everyday life. We are called to take time now to listen and reflect, to direct our attention to God, and to open our hearts to God's voice.

All: I recognize God's voice and say, "Yes, Lord."

Leader: Loving God, we recognize that you are intimately present to us. You invite us to join you in this journey of faith, and to do so in expectancy and with joy. Walk with us, Lord, and guide our feet and our eyes and our hearts. Amen.

Reader 1: I say yes to God's action in my life.

Reader 2: The eventful history of our own life is filled with experiences of people who have loved and nourished us. We have been gifted in unique ways. Yet we do not always see God's action in our lives. So we are called to reflect on our experiences to see God's action.

All: I see God's action in my life and say, "Yes, Lord."

Reader 1: I say yes to diversity and acceptance of differences.

Reader 2: We experience divisiveness in our world, in our nation, in our Church, and in our family. We are becoming aware of the interdependence of our planet, and we yearn for that time when all will celebrate the oneness with God's creation. We are called to work toward unity in diversity, seeing the value in all parts of the Body of Christ.

All: I recognize the diversity of this world and say yes to the unity I experience.

Leader: God of all gifts, we pray in thanksgiving for all we have and all we are. We commit ourselves to show our gratitude by our willingness to share who we are and what we have with others. Help us to respond generously to the needs of our world with our talent, our time, and most especially our prayer. May we always use our gifts to continue the mission of Christ as members of your Church. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

