

Meeting Six: Participants' Agenda

(This meeting is held after the Longing for the Holy Season has concluded)

OPENING PRAYER

Gathering Prayer

Pause for a brief moment of quieting and then pray an adaptation of the first verses of A Prayer of Spiritual Longing.

All **Loving God and Father, we long for you.
We long for deeper meaning in our lives,
for a wider love than we now experience.
We yearn to know we belong and
are connected to you and all creation.**

Leader As we prepare to evaluate our parish's experience
of the *Longing for the Holy* process,
help us to look back
with thanksgiving for all the graces
received from our time of sharing faith with one another.

All **May we be honest with ourselves and others
as we dialogue and share feedback on the past Season
of *Longing for the Holy*.
May our contributions help us as we plan for the future and
may our experience challenge us to continue to discover
how to live more consciously
and joyfully in your presence,
and to channel the longing at the core of our being
with deep, expanding hope.
This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Welcome

All briefly respond to the question, "How am I right now?" or share a brief highlight of an event from the past Season of *Longing for the Holy*.

FAITH SHARING

One of the participants will proclaim the Gospel for the coming Sunday. The reflection and one of the faith-sharing questions from *PRAYER TIME* for the appropriate Sunday may be used.

Or there may simply be time for quiet (2 minutes) followed by the question, "What word, phrase, or image from the Scripture reading touches my heart or spoke or speaks to my life?"

Pray together A Prayer of Spiritual Longing (found on the bookmark).

DISCUSSION

- Successes/Good News Stories
- Learnings from *Longing for the Holy*

NEXT STEPS

CLOSING PRAYER

Prayers of Thanksgiving

All will be invited to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of the past Season.

Response **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Concluding Prayer

Conclude with the Our Father and the Sign of Peace.

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