

## Gathering Question

Group members take turns answering the gathering question, designed to help folks get to know each other better in classic ice-breaker fashion. Each one shares briefly before the group takes up the primary conversation for this particular time together.

*Who or what awakens your curiosity and courage?*

## Conversation Prompt

Each person in the group responds in turn to the session's conversation prompt, which invites sharing of personal experiences and stories around faith and community. Generous listening and attending to how long each person shares will help everyone feel welcomed into the conversation.

*Since the time of the early church, Christians were called to serve one another as an act of worship to God. Call to mind a time when someone served you. How did/does that experience affect your faith?*

## Insights and Invitations

As the conversation draws to a close, facilitators may lift up insights from what has unfolded within the group session, including questions suited for additional personal reflection or for revisiting together in the group's next gathering.

*Facilitator Insights and Invitations*

## Closing Prayer

Each gathering concludes with a time of prayer, suited to group disposition. Whether the group embraces a pattern of sharing personal favorites, joining in The Lord's Prayer, or leveraging the closing prayer provided in the conversation guide, this time of caring strengthens the connections we know through the love of Jesus Christ, at work in human community.

*"A Prayer attributed to St. Francis" (Book of Common Prayer, page 833)*

*Leader: Our Lord be with you.*

*Responder: And also with you.*

*Leader: Let us pray.*

*We invite your prayers and thanksgivings in the chat to be read aloud by The Responder.*

*A period of silence is kept after the last prayer request before The Leader prays:*

*Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*

*Where there is hatred, let us sow love;*

*where there is injury, pardon;*

*where there is discord, union;*

*where there is doubt, faith;*

*where there is despair, hope;*

*where there is darkness, light;*

*where there is sadness, joy.*

*Responder: Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love.*

*Leader: For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;*

*Responder: and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.*