

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 are you grateful for today?

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.

In what ways does your faith lead to generosity? How do you offer your time, talents, and treasure to serve God?

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 of St. Chrysostom" from Evening Prayer, Rite II (*Book of Common Prayer*, page 126)

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: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplication to you;

Responder: and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that, when two or three are gathered together in his Name, you will be in the midst of them:

Leader: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;

Responder: granting us, in this world; knowledge of your truth, and, in the age to come; life everlasting. Amen.