

# Closing Prayer Service



I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Matt. 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come. A second time he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those invited: "Behold, I have prepared my banquet, my calves and fattened cattle are killed, and everything is ready; come to the feast."' Some ignored the invitation and went away, one to his farm, another to his business. The rest laid hold of his servants, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged and sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited we're not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.' The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to meet the guests, he saw a man there not dressed in a wedding garment. The king said to him, 'My friend, how is it that you came in here without a wedding garment?' But he was reduced to silence. Then the king said to his attendants, 'Bind his hands and feet, and cast him into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.' Many are invited, but few are chosen."

**The Word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

## *Reflection*

*Jesus calls us by our name and invites us to come to the feast. It is up to us whether we accept this invitation. We are all invited personally to the table of the Lord. When we gather to celebrate the Eucharist Jesus is the host and we are his guests. WE come as we are, not how we would like to be. The Eucharist is offered to us freely and we are invited to respond freely. It is God's gift to us, and no one is to be excluded.*

*Pope Francis reminds us, "the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak. The church is a place for everyone, with all their problems.*

## **Prayers of the Faith**

**R: Lord hear our Prayer**

- For all our young people who are struggle with their faith, we pray
- For peace in our families and community, we pray
- For those who are suffering from cancer, we pray
- Let us pray for the strength, as we work towards to becoming stronger faith filled people, we pray
- For our own special intentions, we pray

**Our Father, Hail Mary, Angel of God, Glory be, Jesus-Jesus**

**Let us pray...**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call. [EPH 1:17-18](#)



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