

Prayer for Parish Pastoral Council Meeting

Theme: *God is in Everything*

Focus:

Light a candle... Spend a minute or two in silence,
Become aware of God's presence in and around you.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, as we prepare to begin our meeting,
we recall your promise to be present
when two or three are gathered in your name. *All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.*

Lord, inspire us with your Spirit of wisdom;
plant seeds of your vision in our hearts and minds;
give us humour and give us humility
as we work with one another to help people
to come to know you. *All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.*

Grant us the willingness to be open to each other,
to respect each other,
to be honest with each other
to be supportive of each other
as we strive to do your will. *All: Unite us, Lord, in your Spirit.*
(Adapted from Prayer for Parish Groups D Harrington & J. Kavanagh)

Reading

Choose someone to read the Gospel of the day. Pause and have another person re-read it. **OR**

1Kings 19:11-13 Elijah Meets God at Horeb

He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?'

Sharing:

1. Say aloud a word or phrase that speaks to you?
Note: If you have more time, you can add any of the following:
2. Do you sense that God is asking something of you in this reading?
3. Do you have a favourite place for prayer/contemplation?
4. What opportunities are there to hear the ideas/concerns of the marginalized/minority groups?

Prayer Intercession (*invite people to say a prayer for the church, for their parish and special intentions*)

After each intension say "E te Ariki";

Response: : Whakarongo mai rā ki a mātou.

Closing Prayer

*Lord, with your help
may the wisdom gained from our reflection and sharing
inspire us as we work through the business of this meeting
remembering we are your hands and feet on this earth.
We ask this, through Christ Our Lord. Amen*