



## Plan for Quiet evening 2023

### Welcome and overview

Good evening, I'm Cathy Smith-DuGay. I'm the Diocesan President for the Diocese of FL, and I try to keep your Branch Leaders connected to the Province at large. I am grateful for everyone who has assisted with tonight's program. Thank you to the Branch leaders: Colleen Brown-Palmer of Atonement, Blossie Lewis of St. Benedict, and Kacy Donlon of Resurrection. Welcome, everyone who is joining us.

Tonight, we will be thinking about and praying for the salvation of those who don't know about, or ignore or reject the love of God and His son and the Holy Spirit. I am not a deacon or priest, and I am not given to praying unscripted prayers. But we will all write our own prayers tonight. We will give name to 5 people who we hope will come to know the Lord. And we will dedicate ourselves to pray for them daily until Pentecost.

Let us pray:

Opening prayer: Cathy

# Scripture Matthew 28:18-20 (Colleen)

## New International Version

<sup>18</sup> Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Cathy

Here is something from the Archbishop of Canterbury about it.

Insert video from TKC

I have heard that God sends new born Christians to churches who are the best incubators, so we can also pray for the churches that might receive them.

# Philippians 4:6-9 (Kacy)

## New King James Version

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. <sup>9</sup> The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Cathy:

OK, Get a paper. We will all think of 5 people to pray for. Write down at least 1 family member. Next, think of friends or co-workers, and add them. Finally, if you have more room, think about adding someone you don't know: a public figure, maybe someone facing death, maybe a child who is growing up in a non-Christian household.

Music

Cathy talks about prayer

Praise

Repent

Ask

Yield

Now it is time for you to write your own heartfelt prayer. You won't have to share these with us, so no pressure. Instrumental contemplative music

Elizabeth Prays extemporaneously

While in prayer, unmute all and have them say or whisper the names on their list out loud. It should sound like the Tower of Babel, cacophonous.

## Mark 11:22-26 (Blossie) New International Version

<sup>22</sup> "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. <sup>23</sup> "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." [26]

Closing prayer



## **Evening Prayer – Diocese of Florida**

Heavenly Father, we praise you for the awesome God that you are.  
We praise you that you are the One; you are always in control.  
May we be reminded to lay our burdens at the foot of the cross,  
and to praise you for all that you do for us -  
for the blessings you give us,  
the challenges that you guide us through,  
and for your divine love for us.

Loving Lord, we are so very sorry for our sins, and we repent.

We strive to be like you - like our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and all that he was as an example and a witness of your love for us,  
for the vulnerable and for the outcasts.

But we fall short of that day after day.

Oh, Lord, we pray for your forgiveness.

Pour down your love upon us, and pardon us for our sins.

We pray that our egos be diminished and that we forever strive to serve others.

Father, we ask you to pour down your love and grace upon those who are struggling.

We pray that the conflicts of this world may cease and that peace may prevail.

We pray that those affected by climate change  
by droughts, floods, hurricanes, cyclones, and famine  
may feel your presence amidst these trials.

May you give them hope Lord, may they be drawn closer to you,  
and may those who are able to help them be called to do so.

And finally, Lord, we yield to you.

For yours is the power and the glory in all that we do.

Yours is the Kingdom.

May we be examples of your love in action.

May we transform our communities.

May our will be your will and your will be done.

We offer this prayer to you in the Mighty Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Thank you.