

Petitions:

Lord's Prayer:

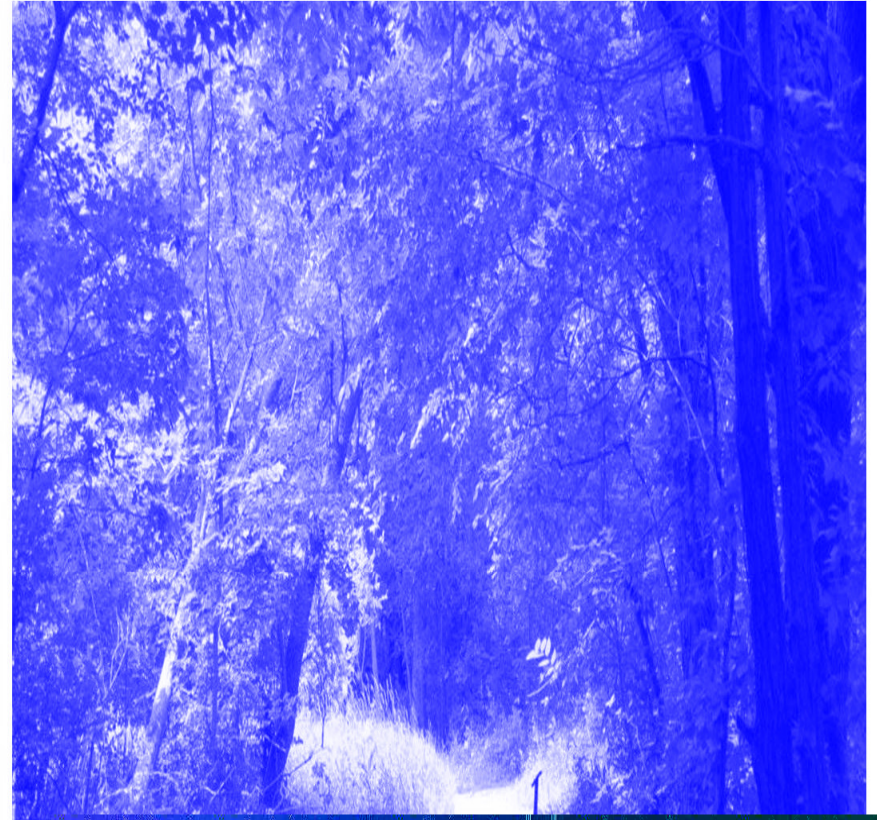
Leader: Loving God, we give you thanks for drawing us all here. May the next 6 weeks of our journey together bring us ever closer to each other and to you. May we continue to know your love and blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

Leader: Let us together pray the *Evangelization Prayer*

On a Journey Together

Preparing to Celebrate Our 100th Anniversary in 2011



Evangelization Prayer

Holy God,
Fill our hearts with the fire of your love.
Awaken us, Holy Spirit, to witness to the
presence of Jesus in every moment of our lives.
Renew us, Lord, so that our homes, parishes,
communities and world are transformed into
your kingdom on earth, where peace and
justice reign.

Amen

A Process of Evangelization and Renewal
in the Diocese of Des Moines

Leader: Mindful that we are in the holy presence of God, let us pray, In the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Loving God, bless our time together. May our awareness of your presence in all that we are and do increase as we seek to know and love you more. We ask this as we ask all things, through Jesus your Son in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Psalm 8

(1) O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth! You have set your majesty above the heavens!

(2) Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have drawn a defense against your foes, to silence enemy and avenger.

(1) When I see your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and stars that you set in place--

(2) What are humans that you are mindful of them, mere mortals that you care for them?

(1) Yet you have made them little less than a god, crowned them with glory and honor.

(2) You have given them rule over the works of your hands, put all things at their feet:

(1) All sheep and oxen, even the beasts of the field,

(2) The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever swims the paths of the seas.

(1) O LORD, our Lord, how awesome is your name through all the earth!

(1&2) Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen,
Alleluia

**Reading: A reading from the Gospel according to Luke
(Luke 8:5-15)**

Reflection:

Questions for Discussion in Small Faith Groups:

- What must we do to more fully be the good soil where the Word takes root and transforms us?
- What must we let go of so that our beings more fully reflect that good soil that is open and receptive to the Word?
- What does it mean to “Live in Christ”?

(Gather the small groups back together and Continue with petitions, Lord’s Prayer, final prayer and Evangelization Prayer at the end of the large group gathering)