

**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.

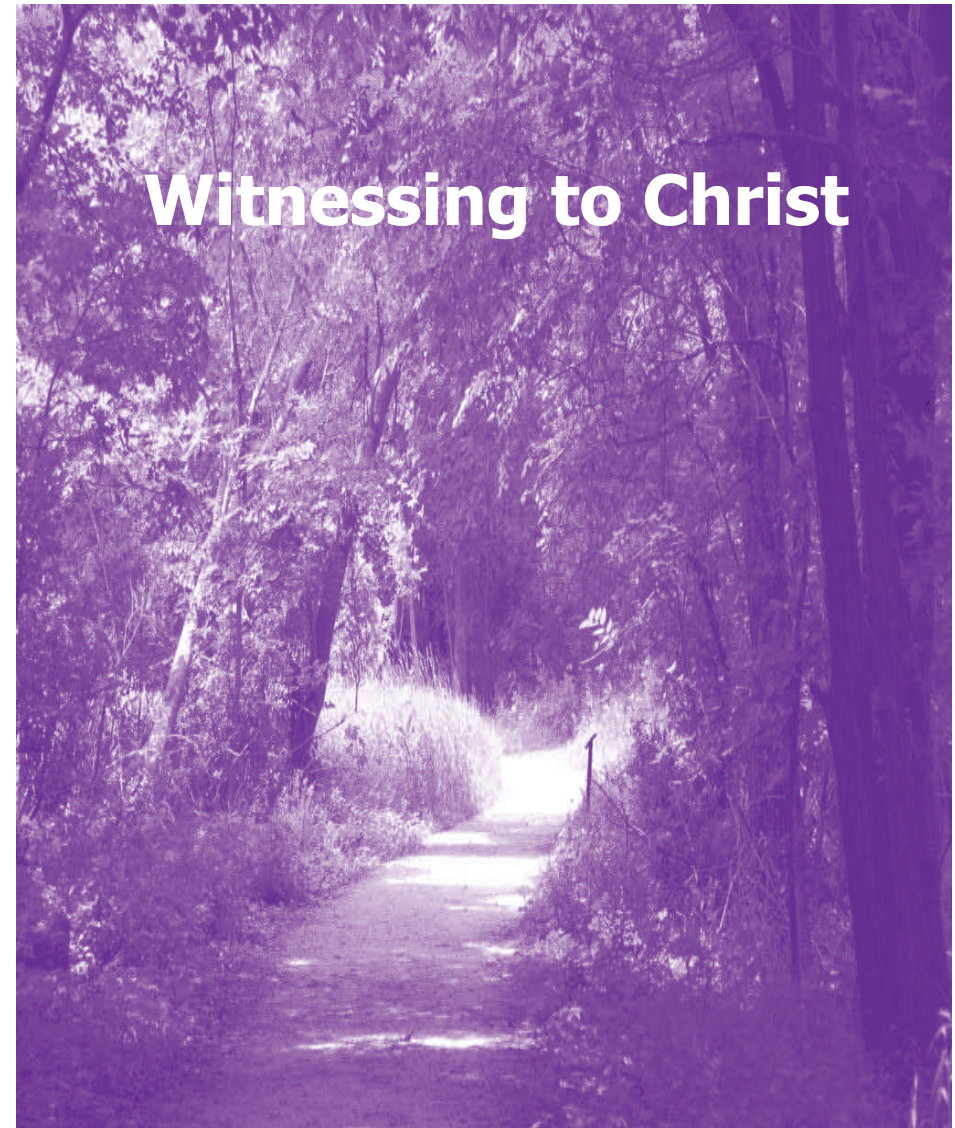
**All:** Amen

**Leader:** Let us together pray the *Evangelization Prayer*



# On a Journey Together

Preparing to Celebrate Our 100th Anniversary in 2011



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 65**

1. To you we owe our hymn of praise, O God on Zion;  
To you our vows must be fulfilled,
2. You who hear our prayers. To you all flesh must come with its burden of wicked deeds. We are overcome by our sins; only you can pardon them.
  1. Happy the chosen ones you bring to dwell in your courts.  
May we be filled with the good things of your house,  
the blessings of your holy temple!
  2. You answer us with awesome deeds of justice, O God our savior,  
The hope of all the ends of the earth and of far distant islands.
    1. You are robed in power, you set up the mountains by your might.  
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples.  
Distant peoples stand in awe of your marvels; east and west  
you make resound with joy.

2. You visit the earth and water it, make it abundantly fertile.  
God's stream is filled with water; with it you supply the world  
with grain.

Thus do you prepare the earth:

You drench plowed furrows, and level their ridges.

With showers you keep the ground soft, blessing its young  
sprouts.

1. You adorn the year with your bounty; your paths drip with  
fruitful rain.

The untilled meadows also drip; the hills are robed with joy.

The pastures are clothed with flocks, the valleys blanketed  
with grain; they cheer and sing for joy.

**(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 Mark  
(Mark 10:17-22)**

**Reflection:**

**Questions for Discussion in Small Faith Groups:**

- What must I do to inherit eternal life?
- What does it mean to be a Witness of Christ?
- How do I make Jesus Christ known and loved in our time?