



Opening Prayer

God of compassion,
 You created us for community.
 Gather us together in Your embrace
 So we might support one another on our journey.
 Guide us in our discernment,
 And help us to be ever faithful and true to Your word.

Amen



Scripture

Philippians 2:1-13

Reflection

Creator God,
 Help us to find the courage to lead:
 by being compassionate to both friend and stranger,
 by seeking unity when there is discord,
 by persevering in times of doubt and difficulty,
 and by speaking honestly for those we serve.
 Loving God, challenge us to continually grow,
 not only in strength, knowledge, understanding and skill,
 But also in faith, hope and love.



Together we pray....

God of faith,
 You call us to become discerning believers.
All: Let us live in Your grace.

God of faith,
 You call us to create faith-filled schools.
All: Let us live in Your grace.

God of faith,
 You touch us through prayer, scripture,
 goodness, truth and beauty.
All: Let us live in Your grace.

God of faith,
 You call us to celebrate the signs
 of Your loving presence.
All: Let us live in Your grace.



Closing Prayer

Loving God,
 Signs of Your love are all around us.
 With eyes of faith we can see them.
 Clear our vision,
 Clean our hearts,
 Calm our fears.
 Help us draw closer to You in our discerning.
 We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

Amen

Exploring Paths of Joy



Opening the Scriptures as Discerning Believers

“Were not our hearts burning within us?”

-Luke 24.32